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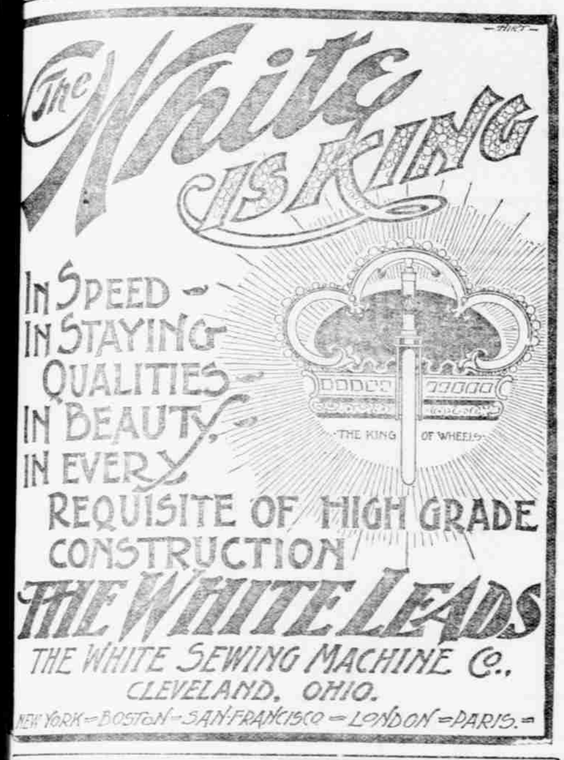

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THE HIGHWAY.

The highway lies, all bare and brown,
A naked line across the down,
Worn by a hundred hurrying feet.
The tide of life along it flows,
And busy commerce comes and goes.
Where once the grass grew green and sweet,
The world's fierce pulses beat.

Well for the highway that it lies
The passageway of great emprise!
Yet from its dust what voices cry—
Voices of soft green growing things
Trampled and torn from earth which clings
Too closely, unperceiving why
Its darling bairns must die!

My heart's a highway, trodden down
By many a traveler of renown—
Grave thought, and burden-bearing deeds,
And strong achievement's envoy fares,
With laughing joys and crowning cares,
Along the road that worldward leads—
Once rank with foolish weeds.

Glad is my heart to hear them pass;
Yet sometimes breathes a low alas!
The tender springing things that grew—
The nurseling hopes their feet destroyed,
Sweet ignorant dreams that youth enjoyed—
And blossomed there the long year through—
Would I could have them too!
—Louise Betts Edwards, in Harper's Magazine.

"DOC'S" STORY.

The "lush" was in his best humor when he joined the evening group at the Alfalfa European hotel. He had enough of morning penitence left in him to make him grave and even dignified. At the same time he had started in upon an evening accumulation, and had already become warmed into that friendly mood which helps one to realize that all men are brothers.

"Good evening, gentlemen," said the "lush," and he said it as if it were the preliminary to an oration.

"Good evening, sir; good evening," responded "Doc" Horne, with a slight inclination of the head.

"Sit down and make yourself miserable," said the lightning dentist, who could be entertaining at times.

"Come join the feast of reason and the flow of soul," added the book agent, who could be original, if not entertaining.

"Sure, that's right," added the bicycle salesman.

The "lush" seated himself and asked: "Well, gentlemen, what is the subject under discussion?"

"We were just talking about the cold weather, and saying that it must be pretty tough on some people," said the lightning dentist.

"There's nothing personal in this, is there?" asked the "lush."

"Certainly not," said the lightning dentist, laughing. "Doc" Horne chuckled, and the large book agent smiled in a conservative manner, as if he feared to compromise his professional dignity.

The bicycle young man was puzzled. He did not see why the laugh came in, so he settled back in his chair and tried to think it out. The task was long and difficult, for he said but a few words during the remainder of the evening.

"I don't think there is so much suffering, now that the weather has moderated," said the "lush."

"I hope not," said "Doc" Horne. "It's a terrible thing to be cold and hungry for days at a time. I can tell you that. If any of you gentlemen ever go through what I did you'll appreciate that fact, too."

"How's that, 'Doc?'" asked the "lush."

"I thought I had told you of my experience in the winter of '67 and '68, when I was moose hunting with Gen. Foster up in Canada. No? Well, we had a party of gentlemen from New York and Philadelphia with us. The weather was bitterly cold, but we were living in the general's hunting lodge and we managed to keep comfortable. One day I was out with a party, and we were up on the Sessikoochee river—"

"What's the name, 'Doc?'" asked the lightning dentist.

"The Sessikoochee—Indian name, you know. It means 'lofty pines.' I had two New York gentlemen with me, and we were tracking a moose—had been on the trail for several hours. I crossed the river on the ice to take up what seemed to be a new trail, and I got separated from my two friends. I suppose I was intent on following this trail, and that's why I paid so little attention to the weather. The first thing I knew the snow began to fall, and I discovered that the sky was overcast, with every indication of a blizzard. I started back along the trail, but in ten minutes the air was filled with blinding snow and the wind was blowing a perfect hurricane among the trees. Of course it was impossible to see very far in any direction, but I kept on, and thought I was going toward the river. I knew if I struck the river I could find the house all right. Darkness came on—I had no idea it was so late—and the wind came from the northwest and cut me to the very bone. I walked and walked and walked, but I didn't come to the river, and then I realized that probably I had been walking away from it all the time. Of course my inclination was to sit down and rest, but I knew I didn't dare to do that or I'd freeze to death."

"It must have been awful," said the bicycle young man.

"Well, it wasn't any pleasure excursion. Fortunately I found a hollow tree where I could coil myself. I got in there and wrapped my fur coat around me, and managed to keep fairly warm until morning. By that time the wind had gone down and the cold was something intense. If I hadn't been so hardy and athletic I suppose I never would have lived through it. I got out, took my bearings from the sun and started out on a run to find the river. I had to run to keep from freezing. Of course I still carried my rifle, and I also had a hunting knife, but I didn't have any matches to start a fire with. About ten o'clock that morning I shot a rabbit, but of course I couldn't cook it, so I had to content myself with drinking a little of the blood."

The bicycle young man gasped and shivered, which led "Doc" to say: "You would have been glad to get it."

"I should think it would be hard work to run in the snow," said the lightning dentist.

"Not if you had snowshoes," said "Doc," with an amused smile.

"Oh, I didn't know you had snowshoes."

"I didn't have any when I started, but I made a rough pair out of some long twigs knotted together with a kind of wiry grass that grows up there. With this pair of shoes I could make four miles an hour across the snow. I kept at it nearly all day, only stopped to rest twice, if I remember correctly, but I was off in my calculations, for I didn't find the river. It might have been a mile or it might have been 12 miles away—I didn't know. When it began to get dark again I'll admit that I was a little frightened. The only thing that had kept me warm all day was my running, and, of course, by this time, I was more or less tired. Well, sir, it was a funny thing. I had cut through a little ravine and was starting up the other side, when I saw an Indian trapper, in a fur suit, jump behind a tree about 100 feet ahead of me. I stopped short and yelled to him: 'Iverly mahoo!' That means in the Indian language, 'Come out.'"

"Can you talk Indian, too, 'Doc?'" asked the "lush."

"I knew a few words belonging to this Canadian tribe of Maxeboshas, but I never gave a thorough study to any Indian language except that of the Sioux."

"Lo, the poor Indian," observed the book agent. "What did this man behind the tree say to you?"

"Well, he waited a few minutes, and then he came out," said "Doc." "I saw that he had a fresh haunch of venison slung over his shoulder, and I decided to have some of it. I went up to him and asked him the way to the river and the camp. He pretended not to understand, but I knew better. He shook his head and started to go away and I dropped my rifle and grabbed him. Of course I could have taken a drop on him, but I didn't want to have any shooting. I didn't want a dead Indian. I wanted a live one, who could show me the way back to Gen. Foster's hunting lodge. First, I wrenched the gun out of his hands, and then we went at it. He was a giant in stature and very strong, and I was weak from lack of food and all that hard travel, but I got a hold on him that I had learned in wrestling, and I handed him in the snow. I fell on top of him, and, drawing my knife, I pointed it at his throat and said: 'Now, will you obey me?' He nodded that he would, and so I let him up. I knew that these Indians always carried matches or flints, because they were in the habit of cooking food out in the forest. I kept this fellow covered with my rifle and made him build a fire and cook me some venison, which I ate with some enjoyment, you may be sure. By this time the moon was up. I emptied his gun and gave it back to him, and then I told him to lead me to the camp. He struck off through the forest and I followed him. Well, sir, we traveled all night and about nine o'clock next morning reached the lodge. They had given me up for lost. Yes, sir, all the eastern papers had me dead, but that was one time I fooled 'em. I learned after I got back that the thermometer had registered 40 below."

"What became of the two men who started out with you?" asked the lightning dentist.

"Oh, they got back all right by following the river. A funny thing about that experience. The Indian remained at our lodge a couple of days and became very much attached to me. Afterward, when I went up there, he acted as guide for our party."

"Doc" ceased talking and the "lush" gave one look at the lightning dentist, as if to indicate that he was helpless with admiration.

"The doctor appears to be a man who has had remarkable experiences," said the book agent, later in the evening when "Doc" had gone to his room.

"You don't half know him yet," said the "lush." "He's been a capitalist, a government scout, a circus tumbler and a steamboat pilot."

"And an actor," added the lightning dentist.

"And an opera singer."

"And a stage driver."

"And an author."

"Why he's been everything. If you don't believe it, ask him about it. He'll tell you."—Chicago News.

SOME LATE NEW THINGS.

A newly-designed hanger for shade rollers is made of metal, in sections, slidably connected with each other, so that the holder will take any length roller and the curtain can be held outward from the wall any desired distance.

A current water wheel recently patented is composed of two floats fastened together and holding a horizontal shaft, to which V-shaped buckets are attached in spiral lines, a portion of the buckets being always in position to receive the water.

A new medicine timer consists of a metal frame to clasp a tumbler or neck of a bottle and an upright portion, holding a number of dials, which can be set at any desired time, also indicating the size of the dose and lapse of time between doses.

An apparatus to operate torpedoes for the blowing up of ships recently patented consists of a trolley line running on the river or ocean bed, on which a torpedo is fastened, sliding along on the wire until it strikes the bottom of the vessel.

To keep a coat from wrinkling and getting out of shape a new hanger is made of two spring wires crossed X-shaped, two upright wire bows connecting the ends of the springs, the shoulders of the coat resting on the bows to keep them in shape.

The combination of a curtain pole and bracket recently patented is formed by a ball to which two rods are fastened at right angles, the shorter rod ending in a wall bracket and the longer one running to the other side of the window to hold the curtain.

Would Do.

An Englishman and an Irishman were one day holding an argument respecting the nationality of various great men who had lived and died. The Irishman had successively claimed each one mentioned as a countryman of his own, till at length the Englishman, somewhat nettled, inquired: "How about Shakespeare—was he an Irishman?" To which he received the reply: "Well, I can't say that he was altogether, but at all events he had the abilities of one."—Household Words.

HIS "LITTLE FELLER."

Glorified and Made Beautiful the Humble Home.

"I happened to be down in my cellar the other morning when the ashman came around to collect the ashes," said a gentleman who resides on Second avenue to a Free Press man. "I was opening a barrel of great red apples at the time, and when the big, dust-covered and necessarily untidy man came back with the empty ash barrel I picked up an apple and held it out toward him, saying as I did so:

"'Won't you have an apple?'

"He took it eagerly, saying as he did so:

"'Thank ye, sir; I've a little feller at home who'll be tickled to death to git it. I most always find something or other in the ash barrels to carry home to 'im at night, but it ain't often I git anything equal to this big apple. I tell ye the little feller's eyes will shine when he sees it.'

"I don't know how many times that day my thoughts were of that big, rough-handed fellow, with that apple put away so carefully in his pocket for that 'little feller.'

"When evening came I thought of the 'little feller' who was on the lookout for the big, dust-covered father, with the calloused and soiled hands, but with the true heart and the kindly word that made him a king in the eyes of that 'little feller.'

"It must have been a very poor and humble home to which the man went at the close of his weary day, but then there was the 'little feller's' presence to make beautiful even the bare walls and floors and to bring the love light to his father's eyes and joy to his father's heart.

"These 'little fellers' glorify and beautify many a home in which poverty abides. But human affection can sweetly and patiently endure toil and rags and poverty when there is a 'little feller' to meet and greet the father when the long day is done."—Detroit Free Press.

THE FUNNY MEN.

He—"I love you better than life." She—"Considering the life you lead, I cannot say that I am surprised."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Do you think opals are unlucky?" inquired the superstitious man. "Yes," was the reply. "My wife wants one, and it's going to cost me $50."—Washington Star.

"Behold," exclaimed the good fairy, "I touch thee with my wand and transform thee from beggar to prince." Subsequently, however, his beloved touched him without any wand and made him a beggar again.—Detroit Journal.

Chumley—"You're a mighty poor talker, especially to ladies. How did you raise the nerve to propose to Miss Sweet?" Dumley—"O—aw; I didn't say much of anything; I handed my ring to her and she slipped it on her left finger, and said: 'All right, it fits!'"—Truth.

"Does it really improve whisky to send it across the water and back?" asked the person with a passion for knowledge. "I don't know, sah, about the direct benefit," said the colonel, "but it suttinly does give it a chance to age, sah, that it might not othuwise have had."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"No, daughter, just tell the young man that he can never take you sleighriding with a sleepy-looking old horse like that." "Why, mamma, that's false pride." "Nothing of the sort. It's just common sense. It is plain that the horse was chosen simply because he can be driven with one hand."—Detroit Free Press.

FOREIGN CHAT.

Ibsen's "Wild Duck" has proved a dismal failure with the Viennese public.

Trinidad celebrated the centenary of its subjection to England by six days of festivities, beginning February 14.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson is furious with Ibsen for writing his last play, "John Gabriel Borkmann," which he asserts is full of bitter attacks on his own family life. Ibsen's son is married to Bjornson's daughter, and the relations between the fathers-in-law have been strained for some time. Bjornson proposes to show Ibsen up soon in a book.

Queen Elizabeth's prose translation, made when she was 11 years of age, of a poem of Margaret of Navarre called "The Mirrour of Sinful Souls," together with a prayer composed by the Virgin Queen and one of her letters to her stepmother, Catherine Parr, has been published in London from the original autograph in the Bodleian library.

French royalists and Catholics have generally worked together in politics, but at a recent election for a deputy at Brest they divided and bitterly fought each other, the Catholic candidate taking the ground that the republic must be recognized owing to the position the pope has taken in regard to it. Brest, which has always been a conservative stronghold, gave the preference to the church over the king.

ITEMS OF SCIENCE.

One inch of rain falling upon one square mile is equivalent to 17,500,000 gallons of water.

Astronomers say that 1,000,000 "shooting stars" fall into the sun for every one that comes into our atmosphere.

Moths may be kept from furs and woolens, United States Entomologist L. O. Howard concludes, by cold storage during the summer at 40 to 42 degrees F.

Insects are for their size the strongest members of the animal creation. Many beetles can lift a weight equal to more than 500 times the weight of their own bodies.

Microscopical investigation is said to prove that the pores of wood invite the passage of moisture in the direction of the timber's growth, but repels it in the opposite direction.

Glowworms are much more brilliant when a storm is coming than at other seasons. Like many other mysteries of nature, this curious circumstance has never been explained.

As comets near the sun their velocity always increases. Newton calculated the velocity of the comet of 1860 to be 880,000 miles an hour. Brydonne rates the speed of the comet he saw in 1770 2,500,000 miles an hour.

HER PHOTOGRAPH.

"Watch for the bird!" the artist cries,
With lifted, waiting finger;
But, heedless of the mirthful call,
Upon the camera's mystic pall
Her serious glances linger.

"Too grave!" Her mother takes the word:
"Think, darling, for one minute,
What can it be papa will say,
Opening his letter far away,
To find your picture in it?"

A look of love and rapture blent
The baby-features put on,
From parted lips to rounded cheek
Swift dimples played at hide-and-seek—
The artist touched the button.

Ah! sunbeam, knewest thou how she
Would leave the world so lonely,
Thus holding fast, in deathless grace,
The smile that on her rosebud face
Bloomed for her father only?
—Mary A. P. Stansbury, in Youth's Companion.

THE OPAL SKULL.

Of all places to oppress one with the fruitlessness of life there is none like unto the southern portion of the Colorado river. There seems always to be visible from its banks, if banks they can be called, some faint blue-gray mountain peak off in the distance, beyond the plain with its rare groups of cottonwoods and its occasional lonely adobe.

There was no color anywhere. The yellow of the sky was only a pale glimmer over the whitening blue; the green of the trees was dulled by the dust and the evening twilight. There was but one house in sight, an adobe 400 yards or less from the river.

In among the willows by the river was a small, canvas-covered wagon. Two thin broncos were hobbled near by, and a man was gathering sticks for a fire. He wondered if it would be worth his while to make the acquaintance of the "greasers" who undoubtedly inhabited it. They might offer him hospitality for the night; but he had learned by experience that Mexican hospitality usually implies dirt, and he disliked dirt. It was a question in his mind whether a blanket under the wagon would not be preferable. And while he debated the flat board door of the adobe opened, and a woman came out. She was slender, therefore she was young—so reasoned the man, who knew Mexicans. More than that he could not see. After a time she went back into the house, and he fell to gathering sticks.

When the moon rose, and he, having finished his supper, was sitting beside the dying campfire, peacefully smoking, the low willows parted, and the girl of the adobe stood near him.

"Ah! I beg your pardon, senor; I knew note zat you wear hier," she cried, starting back.

"It gives me much pleasure to see you. Will you not sit here with me?" He spread a blanket on the ground near the bright coals, and motioned to her, with a deep bow, to be seated. She took her place, and he, stretching himself at her feet, leaning upon one elbow, offered her a cigarette.

Her name, it transpired very soon, was Anita—Anita Manara: he told her, was Richard Lovell. They fell a-talking, and he did what was expected of him—made desperate love instantly; while she did what he had expected her to do, responded with only enough reserve to keep up the illusion of flirtation. Here, in the half tropic southwest, with an unwise child of 16, of an amorous race, the rather lax code of honor of Richard Lovell fell from him. She told him about her life.

"I was born hier," she said, "een zat house. But w'en I twelf years am, I to San Diego go to school, an' zere I Eenglish learn. I speak note much Eenglish now, for zat I have only my muzzer an' my bruzzer, who zey speake but Spanish; an' Carlos he can Eenglish speake, but he like eet note."

"Who is Carlos, sweetheart?"

"He ees my sweetheart, w'at I to marry him am."

"Where is he?" The young man drew a little away and sat erect.

"He ees at ze mines in Concepcion. He haf one mine for him, an' he weel be some time reech. He come to see me ze Sunday. Do you note Spanish speake—talk, sare?"

"No. Just a few words. And where is your brother?"

"He ees zis night far away. He weel to-morrow weeth Carlos come back."

Lovell understood. He resumed gradually his posture of adoration. When the cigarettes were finished, he held her hands, and in time he put his arm about her and kissed her, and forgot all the maxims of wisdom that had ever been taught to him.

"What is that ring?" he asked, turning and toying with the only one she wore.

"Eet ees Carlos. He geef eet to me. Weel-you see?" She drew it off. "Eef you weel one match light."

He struck a wax one and held it to the ring. It was an opal set in silver and carved in the shape of a skull. Lovell knew enough of stones to understand the difficulty of cutting an opal. He knew the skill and patience it must require to shape it like this one. There was probably not another like it in the world; certainly he had never seen it, if there were. In the flickering light it gleamed and sparkled blue, and red, and yellow fires, and the jaws seemed to contort themselves into a grin.

"How wonderful," he ejaculated.

"Yes," answered Anita.

He was seized with a wild desire to obtain it, and he played boldly for it. "Do you love me, Anita, sweetheart, beautiful?" he whispered, taking her face in his hands and looking into her eyes.

She uttered a faint but sincere "Yes."

He kissed her again, not once, but many times. "If you love me, Anita, you should give me the ring to remember you by—a keepsake, as we call it."

She slipped it into his hand.

"Ah! no. Geef eet to me," she cried of a sudden.

"Why?"

"Carlos, he tell me zat eet ees very—w'at you say?—note nice lucky."

"Then why did he give it to you?"

"He say eet ees for a man, note for a woman, zat eet ees like zat."

"I expect Carlos wanted to keep you from giving it away."

"No. He say zat one man w'at keep eet for fife years, he die sure."

"I am not afraid. I would be glad to die to have your ring for even a year."

"No. Geef eet back to me."

"Then you do not love me," he said, dejectedly. "You are like all women, you are glad to break a man's heart."

"No, no. I lofe you. You can keep eet. I weel tell Carlos I loose eet."

At the moment her mother called to her from the adobe. She threw her plump arms about the American's neck and said a clinging good-by, as if her heart were sadly wrung. And for the time being she was in desperate earnest.

At daybreak he saw two horsemen, both Mexicans, ride up to the house. He guessed that they were the men Manara and Carlos; and he hitched up the team quickly and went, in a fashion that suggested flight, taking the ring with him.

Now it happened—as such things will happen in the new west—that Carlos Valera grew very rich within a few months and went to live in San Diego with his wife, and that they were much courted and sought after, for Valera was generous and well-mannered and not ill-looking, and Senora Valera was bewitching, a type, more than locally famous for her beauty, and possessed of a charm that is peculiar to women of her race who have learned the usages of the world. They kept open house, in the grand way of the wealthy Spanish-Americans of not so long ago. Never a day passed that more than one total stranger was not entertained. Thus it came about that, upon a spring evening some years after her marriage, Senora Valera greeted with lovely ease and grace a guest whom her husband brought home with him, a Mr. Richard Lovell, of Los Angeles. But as she greeted him she glanced down at his hands and saw that he wore the opal skull. She turned to her husband and said in English that was perfect now, though made dainty by a slight lisp: "Carlos, dear, will you see if I left my opal-and-diamond pin on my dressing stand? I think I took it out to wear, and forgot it. I don't want it to get lost like that other one I gave you before we were married. I'm afraid they are really unlucky stones; don't you think so, Mr. Lovell? Would you mind going for it, Carlos?"

Valera left the room.

"Mr. Lovell, take off that ring while you are here," she said, calmly.

"I have never taken it off. And I'm sorry that I can't do so now."

"If Mr. Valera sees it, he will be apt to kill you as not. He is very jealous."

"I fancy he has good reason."

"Kindly keep your opinions where such unpleasant ones properly belong—in your own consciousness. You will be wise to do as I say, and to be quick. Do you know that the five years is up to-night?"

"I doubt that sort of superstition. As I told you before, I'm not afraid. Perhaps you are, though? It is natural you should be. I will tell you what I will do. I'll take the ring and put it in my pocket"—he slipped it off and held it between his thumb and finger—"if you will kiss me again as you did on that night."

"I will not. You would have forgotten that silliness of mine by now, if you had been fortunate enough to be a gentleman."

"Never!—not all those caresses and protestations. Come, kiss me again, and I'll hide the ring."

"No. Mr. Valera will finish hunting for a pin that isn't there in a moment more, and if he comes back it may go ill with you—it certainly will if he sees the ring."

"Then kiss me."

"I will not. Be quick. I hear him coming. Quick!"

"Kiss me. You'd better, for your own sake."

"No."

"Then don't."

"Oh! hide that ring—do, for me."

"Kiss me."

"Well, kiss me, then."

He put his hands on her shoulders and bent his head. He did not see Valera step into the French window, but he knew that the woman pulled away from him with a loud "How dare you!" and a scream: "Carlos, Carlos, help me!"

And then he felt something sharp driven deep between the shoulders, and as he fell backward Senora Valera grasped at the ring and caught it from his hand. She put her own hand to her throat in the accepted fashion of the conventional faint, and as she did so, dropped the jewel into the bosom of her gown. Then she lost consciousness.

The story she told her husband was one of unprovoked impertinence on the part of an utter stranger, a man she had never seen before, and the story he told the world was much the same, but slightly embellished. It was not plausible, yet it passed. It excused the murder without any great difficulty, and it was something of a feather in the cap of the beautiful Mexican—for this was in the early days.

Senora Valera ground the opal skull to bits with a heavy stone, and kept the chips in a locket, until one day she found an excuse to drive to the cemetery and scatter them upon Lovell's grave.—Gwendolen Overton, in San Francisco Argonaut.

IN OLD MEXICO.

One of the favorite sweets for children is sugar cane. It is sold in pieces about 18 inches long for one centavo each.

You can buy all the beautiful flowers you can carry home in a half-bushel basket for an American half-dollar.

Babies and children all wear half socks, and are happy with bare legs when northern visitors require overcoats.

The weather is not a subject of comment unless it is bad. It is as a rule so fine that it furnishes no variety of conversation.

The stamp law is very thoroughly enforced. Every form of commercial paper, from check to contract, contributes to the revenue.

The street car mules make better time than in any other country in the world. About half of the time they are kept on a full gallop.

Horses with tails more than 12 to 18 inches long are rare exceptions, as the tails of fashionable coach horses are invariably docked.

Everybody shakes hands both at meeting and parting, even though the visit may be on the street corner and lasts only two minutes.

Banks are capitalized for immense sums and have very strict regulations, and failures among these institutions are practically unknown.

BESSIE'S GREAT SACRIFICE.

She Felt Sorry for a Baby Who Had No Doll.

The stockings had been hung up and the little ones gathered around the hearth to hear mamma tell the story of the Babe of Bethlehem, says the New York World. Their small faces expressed profound sympathy when they heard how the Son of God was born in a stable, how He lay on a bed of straw, how He shivered in the cool December night and how His life was in danger from the wicked Herod. Little Bessie seemed to be particularly impressed. She said nothing, but one could see that she was thinking hard.

When, half an hour later, mamma came to Bessie's bed to kiss her good night, she found the child pressing her doll to her bosom and gazing at it with unutterable affection. As she stooped over the bed Bessie looked up and asked, earnestly: "Mamma, ain't God's baby got any dolly?"

"No," replied the mother, smiling. Bessie looked at her doll again and hugged it. Then conflicting emotions showed themselves on the little face. After a long silence the child raised her eyes, which had such an expression as those of the martyrs must have worn at the stake, and said, firmly: "Take it to Him, mamma."

Closing her eyes tight Bessie laid the doll in her mother's hands and buried her face in the pillow to try to forget the great sacrifice she had made.

POWER OF A WOMAN'S WORD.

It Overcame the Wrath of an Unfeeling Policeman.

The following pretty story is taken from the New York Mail and Express, and is good enough to stand by itself.

He was only an Italian fruit-vender. Ther was nothing about him at all likely to inspire the beholder with feeling, one way or another. He was not ragged enough to call for especial sympathy, nor unkempt enough to provoke disgust. Yet to the policeman on his beat he was undoubtedly the object of considerable aversion. This was shown by the unrelenting vigor with which the fruit-seller was pursued from corner to corner by the zealous guardian of the law.

The other day, in a too hurried response to the everlasting order to "move on," the peddler's cart was upset, and his peaches and pears were scattered over the ground and across the street car track. The enraged policeman could barely restrain the impulse to use his club.

"The dirty loafer!" he exclaimed. "He did it on purpose—just trying to excite sympathy!"

"He has succeeded, then," said a soft voice at the officer's elbow, and a neat little woman stooped and began to gather up the scattered fruit.

The officer's face reddened. He hesitated a moment, and then he, too, joined in the work of restoration.

SUBSTITUTE FOR GLASS.

Gelatinous Substance Spread on Galvanized Iron Web.

"The first successful substitute for glass," says an architect in the Washington Times, "is tectorium, a gelatinous composition. It has not appeared in this country at all, as yet, but is being introduced in Europe.

"This gelatinous substance is given rigidity by being spread on a galvanized iron web, which holds the sheet in any desired shape, but does not obstruct the passage of light. It is translucent, but not transparent, and can be stained in such a manner as to exactly imitate stained glass.

"It cannot be broken nor softened by the rays of the sun, but is flexible and easily bent into any desired shape. When unstained it at first is yellow, but on exposure to the sun it turns white, at the same time becoming harder and more durable.

"Like glass, it is a poor conductor of heat. It is lighter than glass, and on this account is well adapted for roofs. Unless it can be made transparent it can never hope to entirely supersede glass, but its cheapness and superiority to glass in other directions are securing for it extensive sales for factory windows, skylights for hothouses, roofing and like purposes."

HERE AND THERE IN EUROPE.

Emile Richebourg, the French novelist, is said to have amassed $400,000 in 20 years, by writing sensational stories for Le Petit Journal.

Wheat grown in the north of France has from 11 to 26 per cent. less nitrogenous elements in it than that raised there 50 years ago, according to a recent report made to the Academie des Sciences.

Saverio Altamura, one of the last of the Neapolitan romantic school of painting, has just died. He was a poet and an author as well. He took part in the revolution of 1848 and was exiled from Naples until the Bourbons were driven out.

A method of precipitating zinc in aqueous solution in the shape of dense plates of commercial thickness by means of electricity has been found at the zinc works at Duisberg in Germany. The process, which is kept secret, was discovered by Prof. Dieftenbach, of Darmstadt. The economic difficulties in the problem have also been solved, as the works are turning out 90 tons of zinc a month, and are to be enlarged.

NOVELTIES IN SILK.

Some rich dark shades of red are showing in moire velours.

Black silk net with a satin edge is used for thick neck ruches.

Beyond doubt red—brilliant and dark as well—will be the fall color.

Reddish-purple grounds with white scrolls make stylish foulards.

Plain-colored satin duchesse has the call for trimmings and combinations.

Chiffon ribbons are in lovely delicate colorings, but are, of course, perishable.

Cream-colored chrysanthemums on a coral ground make a lovely satin brocbe.

Glace taffeta for linings next fall will show strong pink, red, green and violet tints.

Watercress green is a favorite shade for the coming millinery ribbons, gauzes, chiffons, etc.

In London they are using a very rich make of pean de soie—fleur de soie—for evening toilets.

Cambria Freeman.

EBENSBURG, CAMBRIA CO., PA.,

FRIDAY, - - - - - - - MAY 7, 1897.

It has been decided by the Canadian supreme court that Canadians who visit the United States for divorce, without intending to reside here, afterwards marry and return to Canada, can be prosecuted for bigamy.

A VERDICT of $2,500 was rendered against the Massie Coal Company in Belleville, Ill., on the 18th inst. John Leonardt' the plaintiff, claimed his health was permanently impaired by improper ventilation of the company mine.

SENATOR FAIRBANK says: "It is from the farm that are to come the successful men of the future. The great writers, lawyers, and business men of the next generation are among the farmers' boys of to-day. It is true that a few may come from the city, but the majority will come from the country."

RECENTLY John B Duke, the millionaire cigarette manufacturer, testified before the Lexow committee that he "never smoked a cigarette" in his life. He knows what they are made of, and the example set by the manufacturer should be followed by every lad in the land.

A CITY of Mexico dispatch says: About a year ago Senator Don Cameron was in Mexico City and was hospitably received by President Diaz. On Thursday morning presidend Diaz received a magnificent horse, valued at $15,000, from Senator Cameron as a present and testimonial of his esteem. President Diaz was highly gratified. The freight charges on the horse were $600 in gold.

INVESTIGATION by the commissioners of Greene county has developed the fact that 38,000 acres of land disappeared from the assessors' books and is escaping taxation. Making allowance for land occupied for roads, schools and churches, it is believed that there is still 35,000 acres not on the assessors' books, which should be there for taxation. The assessors throughout the county have been instructed to hunt up the untaxed land.

COFFEE consumers will be pleased to learn that a decline in prices is almost certain to come during the present year The visible supply of Brazil coffees in this country is now more than 300,000 bags greaterthan the stock one year ago at this time, and a circular issued by the great coffee importing firm of W. H. Crossman & Co. predicts a total crop of Rio and Santos this year of 8,750,000 bags, with the prospects of next year being also much above the average.

A CAUCUS of the Democratic senators and representatives was held at Harrisburg on Wednesday night at state headquarters. State Chairman Garman made a speech in favor of the Pittsburg charter bill and arraigned the Republicans for their alleged failure to pass a ballot reform bill and other reform legislation. Mr. Garman instructed the Democrats to prepare a statement showing the action of the Republicans on this legislation to be used as a campaign document. No formal action was taken on any of the pending legislation.

GREAT fun was made three years ago of the way the senate tore the Wilson tartff bill to tatters, making upward of 500 changes. It is given out that the Republican members of the senate finance committee have made one thousand changes in the Dingley bill. Remember this is the work of Republicans alone on a bill that went through the house under the czar's lash by a solid Republican vote. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader of the senate, is of opinion the bill will not go to the president before August or September.

IN view of the Centennial Exposition just opened at Nashville it may be recalled that Tennessee became the sixteenth star on the American flag. Previous to Tennessee's admission Vermont (March 4, 1791) and Kentucky (June, 1792) had both joined the original thirteen. Before Tennessee's admission into the Union the flag bore fifteen stars and fifteen stripes. It was after Tennessee's entrance into the sisterhood of states that Captain S. C. Reid suggested the plan, promptly adopted, of limiting the number of stripes to symbolize the original thirteen continental colonies.

NEXT to reducing the cumbrous size of the official ballot in the state the most important amendment of the election laws is to suppress the numerous "assisted" voters and their "assistants," Until the constitution of Pennsylvania shall have been amended so as to exclude analphabetists from the suffrage the election laws should require two members of the election board to assist the illiterate voter in marking his ticket. As matters now stand every knave in Pennsylvania who may wish to sell his vote has only to pretend that he cannot read; and then another knave is called in to witness the sale.

IN the rapid development of Southern cotton manufactures Southern mills are sending their products directly to China and other regions of far East. During the last year the exports of cotton fabrics from the United States amounted in value to $10,840,629, and of these exportations China alone absorbed more than $6,000,000. While the exports of Southern cotton fabrics to China are of the courser qualities, it is only a question of time when, with the improvement in machinery and with the payment of better wages, the textile fabrics manufactured on the spot from the staple of the south will command a market not only in China but throughput the world.

Some of the severest criticisms not only of special duties and clauses, but of the whole accursed protective system, come from the protected manufacturers themselves in their struggle with opposing interests. Mr. S. N. D. North, secretary of the Woolen Manufacturers' association, is now and always has been a stanch protectionist. As such he believes that the 70,000,000 consumers of this country are legitimate subjects for plunder and that the manufacturers are the proper persons to enjoy the protection plunder.

The free wool experiment which we have been trying for three years, besides being an object lesson in the way of cheap woolens, has taught the woolen manufacturers that they can make as much or more profit with free wool and moderate protection, which permits people of moderate means to wear real woolen goods, than with high duties on both wool and woolens, which restricts the use of woolens to people in good circumstances. The manufacturers therefore display more than their usual modesty and patriotism in the advice which they are giving to congress. Mr. North is in Washington to voice the manufacturers' patriotism. Here is part of his advice as taken from the Washington correspondence of The Dry Goods Economist:

I am free to say the bill is far from satisfactory to the woolen manufacturers. The chief fault is to be found with the raw wool duties, which are so high that our manufacturers will find themselves sorely embarrassed. It is true the committee has provided compensatory duties which are probably sufficient to offset the duties on raw wool, but the difficulty will be, in my opinion, that the very considerable increase in price which must be made to cover the additional cost of raw material will have the effect of cutting down consumption to an extent that will be disastrous to the manufacturers. I do not contend that the rates on woolen manufactures in the bill are not sufficient to protect us against too severe foreign competition, but the limit of the consumer's purchasing power must control him in buying woolen manufactures, and I fear the rates of the new bill will very materially restrict consumption.

This is practically saying to Dingley, Aldrich and the other servants of the protected manufacturers at Washington:

"Go slow with your high duties and don't try to protect too many. If you let everybody into the protection ring, there will be nobody outside to prey upon and we will have to prey upon each other. Don't make the mistake of taxing raw materials too high. We wouldn't mind it if we could sell our goods and charge the tax over to the consumer. But when the tax is so high that we have to make our prices almost out of sight we have found that we cannot sell so many goods, because the people can't afford to wear clothes—that is, woolen clothes, which are the only ones worth considering because they are the only ones which we manufacture. Our solicitude for the dear American consumer is such that we do not wish to compel him to clothe himself in the skins of beasts, which are neither fashionable nor healthful. Let us not tax him to death. Let us be reasonable and encourage him to live and to wear clothes. By so doing we can keep our mills running and give employment to American workingmen at American wages, which, after all, is the chief object aimed at by us protected manufacturers."—Byron W. Holt.

Champ Clark of Missouri is not only one of the wittiest men in the house of representatives, but he is one of the best posted on the tariff question.

In ridiculing some of the rates of the Dingley bill that to him seemed subject to criticism, he recited how a man of the name of Goodyear went before the ways and means committee and secured the tariff he wanted by some skillful palaver about the great statesmen that Maine had produced. Then he said:

"Mr. Chairman, that piece of 'soft soap' made it harder for every poor man in the United States to build a house. Governor Dingley swallowed the bait as quick as a trout would swallow a fly [laughter], and next summer some poor devil out west, living in a dugout 100 miles from a railroad station, who voted for McKinley under the deluded idea that prosperity would come under his administration and who has not heard of this tariff bill, ciphers it out that he can build him a two room cottage with lumber and other building materials at the old rate. He goes to the station to get the lumber and finds that the price has gone sky high, and he goes back to his home and says to his wife: 'My dear, I am sorry that we must stay in the dugout. We cannot build our little house. A great man by the name of Governor Dingley has put the price of lumber and other things so high that we cannot do it, but, thank God, he has left dragon's blood free.' [Laughter.] Next year, when my handsome friend from Iowa (Mr. Dolliver) returns to that fine agricultural district which he represents, some man who has not been able to buy a coat because of the high price of woolen cloth will say to his neighbor, 'There comes Dolliver, who put up the price of woolen goods.' But the successful candidate for the post-office in that district says, 'Oh, but Dolliver put divi-divi on the free list!' And in chorus they sing, 'Dolliver and divi-divi forever.'" [Laughter. Applause on the Democratic side.]

Under the existing tariff bituminous coal pays 40 cents a ton. The Dingley bill proposes to make this 75 cents. In 1895-6 the imports of bituminous coal into the United States were 1,243,835 tons. The exports were 2,246,284. The figures for Canada were: Imported from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, etc., 123,404 tons; from Quebec, Ontario, etc., 39,987; from British Columbia, 627,257; exports to these three divisions respectively, 413 tons, 1,671,302 and 3,094. Canada now proposes in case the Dingley rate is imposed to retaliate by a high duty on our coal, which will certainly not stimulate exports. Here is an export business worth twice as much as the corresponding import business, and it is proposed to run the risk of ruining the former for the sake of screwing $350,000 taxes out of the latter, and this on the plea of reviving American industry. Can any sane man fail to see that, even assuming that imports do not fall off, it is hardly worth while for the sake of a paltry $350,000 to tempt Canada into ruining an established business nearly twice as large as that which is to yield the tax? Yet this is the way in which "the old thing works."

"The proposed tariff on lumber," the Boston Transcript (Rep.) says, "is simply a measure to pick the pockets and crush the industry of a large, useful and influential class of American citizens. It is uneconomic, unscientific, suicidal. The statements upon which this schedule was made up are shown to have been insidious and misleading. The result will be to strip the country not of an annually recurring income, but of its white pine principal, which at present rates is within ten years of exhaustion, and also to ruin a large class of business men in this country who deserve better things. It does not seem possible that men claiming to represent the people will permit such a measure to have the force of law. If they do, it will cease to be folly and become iniquity."

The most retroactive feature of the Dingley bill is the provision for paying back to the big manufacturers their campaign contributions.

Washington Letter.

Washington, May 1st, 1897.—The Democratic members of the senate finance committee very properly declined to agree to the proposition to allow the amended tariff bill to be reported to the senate as soon as the Republicans have finished work upon it, which they say will be the first of next week. The Democratic members of the committee do not expect to be able to get the bill changed in committee, nor do they desire to unnecessarily delay either its report to the senate or its reaching a final vote, but they insist upon taking time enough to go over the bill, which has been so extensively changed that it is practically a new one, in order to acquaint themselves sufficiently with it to inform their colleagues in the senate, and the country, why they oppose it, before it is reported to the senate. To show that the demand is not made for delay, the Democrats of the committee have employed two outside tariff experts to assist them in going over the bill.

The belief that Mr. Cleveland wants to be the Democratic candidate in 1900 is prevalent among Democrats in congress, and that his New York speech was his first move in that direction. Speaking on the subject Representative Richardson, of Tenn, said: "As soon as he was out of office before, a plan of campaign was organized in his behalf. Although his nomination seemed to be the result of a popular wave in his favor the fact is that a sentiment for him was adroitly stimulated by articles in the country press and by literature sent out by mail, both emanating from a headquarters in New York. His friends had plenty of money and the same organization is at his disposal to-day." Representative Bland, of Mo., said: "Yes, Cleveland hopes to be nominated, and he will be, but not by the Democratic party, which will remain true to the principles declared at Chicago last year. He will be the candidate of the handfull of people at the Reform Club dinner. I shall be very glad to see the issue directly made, for I do not believe Mr. Cleveland will find a corporal's guard to follow him. There is one good thing about the dinner. It shows that there is to be no concession and no compromise, and that the Cleveland party will not coalesce with the 6,500,000 who follow the regular standard bearer." Representative Stallings, of Ala, said: "I should not wonder if Clevelanc hopes to gather to himself the Republicans, especially in the West, who are not favorable to a high tariff. He will get support from wherever he can and from whatever party that is willing to help him in his ambitions. The Democracy, however, will go ahead and make its fight without him." Representative Carmack, of Tenn., said: "I have heard the gentlemen who participated in the Reform Club dinner called the Waldorf Democracy, because they met at the hotel of that name, but I call them the walled-off Democracy, because they are by themselves, representing nobody, and unable to influence a vote. I have no doubt that Mr. Cleveland or his friends are scheming to have him nominated in 1900, but they will certainly not be successful if they hope to have him at the head of the regular Democracy. He will never be in the ranks of our party again."

"Teddy" Roosevelt was acting secretory of the navy for a whole week but about the only indication the public had of it was "T. Roosevelt,, acting secretary printed at the bottom of an advertisement for sealed proposals for the purchase of the waste paper of the navy department for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, next. The suggestion has been made that "Teddy" is a victim of the tired feeling incidental to the coming of warm weather and that he will have to brace up on tonics before starting to get frisky.

Mr. Lorin A. Thurston, who was early in the Cleveland administration given a hint by the late Secretary Gresham that his resignation as Hawaiian minister to the United States would be agreeable and who was wise enough to accept the hint and go home, has been in Washington for several weeks. He is now a special annexation commissioner of the Hawaiian government. He thought the annexation business was all fixed, but the fight that is being made to have a clause inserted in the new tariff bill abrigating the treaty with Hawaii, under which sugar comes into the U. S. free of duty, has frightened him. Next to annexation his government values that treaty, which practically amounts to commercial annexation. Mr. Thurston has filed a long argument against abregation of the treaty with the senate committee on finance, in which he endeavors to prove that the treaty is of great financial advantage to the United States.

It is believed that the action of Pension Commissioner Evans, in calling for the resignation of every Democratic chief of division in the pension bureau, to take effect May 1, indicates what will be done in all the other departments with the chiefs and other high-salaried positions. M.

A Wholesale Lynching.

Houston, Tex., May 2.—Last night at 12 o'clock a mob of negroes took from a room at Sunnyside, Texas, where they were being guarded, Fayette Rhone, aged twenty-one; Will Gates, thirty-five; Lewis Thomas, twenty; Aaron Thomas, thirteen; Jim Thomas, fourteen: Benny Thomas, fifteen, the four latter being brothers, and Will Williams, all negroes and hanged the first six named to an oak tree.

The negroes all confessed to having murdered Henry Daniels, an old negro, his step-daughter, Marie, and a seven-year-old child. burning the bodies of the two oldest by setting fire to the cab, in where the crime occurred and throwing the little one's body into a well. Old man Daniels had the proceeds of a robbery which the Thomas boys had committed and they demanded it of him under pain of death. They outraged the grown girl and the seven-year-old girl and then killed them.

Girl Wound Around a Shaft.

Baltimore, May 2.—Jessie Stricklin, a pretty cigarette girl, aged 17 years, had a narrow escape from death at Marburg Brothers' factory early yesterday morning. As the machinery started the skirt of Miss Stricklin, who was standing close to an upright revolving shaft, was drawn into it, and in an instant she was being whirled around it. Her screams were echoed by her horrified companions. A dozen or more revolutions were made before the machinery was stopped. Nearly every bit of her clothing was torn into ribbons. She was picked up unconscious, her head shoulders and breast being covered with blood. When examined at the hospital the physicians were surprised to learn that no bones had been broken and no internal injuries inflicted. The girl is badly bruised and lacerated but will recover.

A HAIL storm ruined the growing crops in Rio Verde valley, San Luis Portori, Mexico. Forty-one persons were killed by hailstones. Some of the hailstones weighed over three pounds.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Locomotives for China.

Philadelphia, April 29.—As a result of a contract entered into by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of this city with the Chinese goverament, there are now 12 locomotives, nearly completed and almost ready for shipment, standing in the company's shops. This is the first order of any magnitude ever received from China by any other firm.

The contract for these locomotives, which includes four passenger, four freight and four shifting engines, was received some months ago and they have been constructed upon general designs furnished by the Chinese government, while the various details were prepared by the firm. In appearance they resemble the ordinary American locomotive, although there are several features that are distinctly English, principal among which is the mounting of the tenders. These, instead of being mounted upon two four wheeled trucks like the tenters of the American engines, are mounted upon three pyramids of two wheels each. The tenders are also larger.

The engines are to be used on the Imperial railways of North China.

More Vaillant Survors.

St. John's, N. F., May 3.—On Saturday the brigantine Amendee arrived in port with four more survivors of the brigantine Vaillant, which was wrecked by an iceberg, with fearful loss of life. The four were picked up April 20, and were all that were left of 21 men who had left the sinking vessel in the boat which was picked up by the Amedee The men were in a terrible condition. Their own lives they prolonged by killing and eating the ship's dog, which had followed faithfully when they left the sinking ship.

Saturday night the surgeons performed amputations upon the four brought in that day. Two who lost their hands and lower part of their legs, are not expected to recover. The other two, who underwent similar operations, are somewhat better off. The four who were brought in some time ago are stil very weak. None of the eight men can be said to be out of danger.

The story told by the party rescued last, that the dog food was all they had to eat, is discredited here by many It is feared, and believed, that they also were compelled to resort to human flesh.

Big Pittsburg Fire.

Pittsburg, May 2.—The most destructive fire which has visited this city since 1845 broke out about midnight in T. C Jenkins' wholesale grocery house. The flames spread rapidly from Jenkins' and soon had consumed several large buildings in the vicinity. The total loss will be at least $2 000,000. The insurance cannot be told to-night, but it is supposed to be well covered.

The origin of the fire in the Jenkins building is not known, but it is supposed to have been smouldering for hours in a dust heap at the foot of the elevator shaft. The watchman tried to get the flames under control, but gave up the attempt and sent in an alarm.

A general alarm followed, and soon all the engines in the city were on hand. It was seen at once that the city fire department was not sufficient, and that from Allegheny City was called on and responded quickly, sending almost its entire force.

A Battle With Stock Thieves.

Little Rock, May 2.—Cow-punchers in the Indian Territory are running off the farmers' stock at an alarming rate. Early this morning a drove was intercepted by the farmers near Eufala, and an effort made to kill the five men in charge of it,

About 25 shots were fired and three of the thieves fell from their horses. The other two escaped to the woods. Jerry Wilson, one of the farmers, had his horse killed and received a dangerous wound in his left shoulder. P. A. Berry, another farmer, was shot in the right thigh. Several less dangerous wounds were sustained by the others.

Two of the wounded men proved to be half-bred Choctaw Indians living in the neighborhood. while the third was Henry Hennessy, an outlaw wanted at Ft. Smith on a charge of murder. The cattle were taken to Webber's Falls and shipped from there to members of the gang living in this city, where they were disposed of at high prices.

A Deadly Joke.

Decatur, Ind., May 5.—As the result of a joke at Markle, near here, last night, two young men lost their lives and a third is on the verge of death. The young men, Davis, Kingman and Bradenstadt, started out to have a good time. They went into a drug store. while the clerk had his back turned they took a bottle labeled alcohol, bnt which in reality contained a deadly poison, and secreting the bottle beneath their coats, went to the edge of town and drank the contents. In a short time they were seized with convulsions and a and a physician was summoned, but he could afford no relief. Two of the young men died in terrible agony, while a third is in a hopeless condition.

Plumbers Quit Work.

Chicago, May 3.—About thirteen hundred plumbers went on strike this morning, and work on every building in course of construction is at a practical standstill. The main point of difference is over the employment of helpers, the Union insisting that not more than one helper be employed in each shop. During the day a dozen master plumbers, representing about a hundred workmen, signed the agreement. If an attempt is made to hire non-Union men to fill the place of the strikers a general strike of all Unions affiliated with the Building Trades Uniou may result.

A Welcome Usher of '97.

The beginning of the new year will have a welcome usher in the shape of a fresh Almanac, descriptive of the origin, nature and uses of the national tonic and alternative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Combined with the descriptive matter will be found calendar and astronomical calculations absolutely reliable for correctness, statistics, illustrations, verses carefully selected, and other mental food highly profitable and entertaining. On this pamphlet, published and printed annually by The Hostetter Company, of Pittsburg, 60 hands are employed in the mechanical department alone. Eleven months are devoted to its preparation. It is procurable free, of druggists and country dealers everywhere, and is printed in English, German, French, Spanish, Welsh, Norwegian, Holland Swedish and Bohemian.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES

Populist Simpson Again Assails Speaker Reed

FOR NOT APPOINTING THEM.

The Republican Majority Sustains the Speaker by an Overwhelming Vote. An Appropriation to Provide For the Expenses of the Postal Congress.

Washington, May 4.—"The issue was made," as Speaker Reed put it, in the house yesterday on the speaker's policy of postponing the appointment of committees. Mr. Simpson, of Kansas, brought it on by another attack upon the speaker, which moved Mr. Reed to challenge him to propose a resolution instructing the speaker to appoint the committees. The Kansan evaded this challenge, but Mr. Lewis, a new Democratic member from Washington, took up the gauntlet which the speaker had thrown down and moved the adoption of the resolution of the tenor suggested by Mr. Reed. Then Mr. Fleming, of Georgia, offered a substitute embodying the instructions in different terms, and Mr. Dingley, the Republican leader, to make the issue plain, as he said, presented another substitute directing the speaker to appoint the committees "immediately."

When the vote was taken on the proposition the speaker was sustained by practically the solid vote of his party, assisted by 33 Democrats under the leadership of Mr. Bailey. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 52 to 124. For the first time this session the factions in the Democratic ranks were forced to put themselves on record, and 32 Democrats, with all of the Populists, supported Mr. Lewis, Mr. Low, of New York, was the only Republican to put himself on record in support of the resolution, while 8 Democrats and 5 Republicans refused to vote. A senate resolution appropriating $50,000 for the congress of the Universal Postal union was adopted.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, was heard from briefly and pointedly in the senate yesterday after a silence of many weeks, and as usual his remarks served to arouse a lively controversy. It occurred during the consideration of the free homestead bill. Mr. Morgan resented some sharp remarks of the South Carolina senator about "gobbling" and stealing public lands. The incident was closed by a statement from Mr. Tillman disclaiming any purpose of being discourteous to the Alabama senator. An agreement was reached for a final vote on the free homestead bill at 3 p. m. today. Early in the day Mr. Morgan endeavored to secure a vote on his Cuban resolution. It went over, however, at the request of Mr. Hale, of Maine, in order that speeches in opposition may be made.

Brutal Anarchists Executed.

Barcelona, May 4.—The sentences upon the anarchists convicted of complicity in the bomb outrage of June 7 last, at the feast of Corpus Christi, when a dynamite bomb was thrown into a procession on its way to the Church of Santa Maria Delmar, killing a dozen outright and wounding nearly 50 others, some of whom have since died from their injuries, were finally decided upon by the judicial authorities yesterday. Five were sentenced to death, and the remainder will be deported. The executions took place today. Two of the condemned men were married yesterday afternoon to women who are also prisoners.

Florida's Senatorial Deadlock.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 4.—The Florida legislature began yesterday its third week of daily balloting for a United States senator to succeed Wilkinson Call. Apparently an election is not much nearer than when the voting began. Call's strength is now 39, against 32 at the outset; Chipley's 34, against 24, and Raney's 22, against 14. Call runs on each ballot from 6 to 8 votes ahead of Chipley, but lacks a dozen votes of an election. Chipley's friends are confident that their man will ultimately draw enough from Raney and the field to carry the day.

Says Railroaders Live Double Lives.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., May 4.—William J. Burke, a Pennsylvania railroad trainman, who had one wife in Altoona and a second wife in Pittsburg, was sentenced in court yesterday to pay a sum for the maintenance of his first wife. He will also be prosecuted in the Allegheny county courts for bigamy. Burke intimated after his hearing that several trainmen running between Altoona and Pittsburg had wives in both cities.

Fatality in a Mine.

Hazleton, Pa., May 4.—Andrew Brodeck, aged 40 years, was killed and Andrew Tudor fatally injured at the Milnesville colliery yesterday by a runaway car. The car was being hoisted from the slope, when the rope broke and the car dashed back. Brodeck and Tudor were caught at the bottom and buried beneath the debirs.

Father and Children Drowned.

Gallatin, Tenn., May 4.—John Nolin, his two little daughters and another man, whose name could not be learned, were drowned Sunday in the river above here. The skiff was overturned, and the father tried to take his children to shore, but the swift current swept all four of them under, and they perished in a few minutes after the boat capsized.

The Red Cross Asks Aid.

New York, May 4.—Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross society, has appealed to the American people for aid to the Greek Red Cross society, and publishes cablegrams from Athens urging the need for assistance.

Accused Bankers Furnish Bail.

Chicago, May 4.—All the indicted officials of the defunct Globe Savings bank, with the exception of ex-President Spalding, gave bonds yesterday and were released from custody. Spalding's bonds foot up nearly $320,000, and he cannot furnish that amount of surety.

The Weather.

For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Unsettled weather; probably light showers; variable winds. For District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland: Partly cloudy weather; westerly winds.

Fooling the Farmer.

Sample taxes from the Dingley bill, with comparisons showing the overwhelming foreign competition to which the farmer is subjected and what protection the ways and means committee regards as indispensable:

Duty,	Imports to United States. 1896.	Exports from United States. 1896.
Dingley bill.		
Farley, 30c. per bu.	857,384 bu	7,680,331 bu
Corn, 15c. per bu..	4,538 bu	99,992,835 bu
Oats, 15c. per bu..	47,506 bu	13,012,590 bu
Rye, 10c. per bu...	154 bu	988,496 bu
Wheat, 25c. per bu.	2,110,030 bu	60,650,080 bu
Flour, 25c. ad val..	1,304 bbls	14,620,864 bbls
Butter, 6c. per lb..	52,067 lbs	10,573,913 lbs
Potatoes, 25c p. bu..	175,240 bu	680,049 bu
Total value of these exports during the fiscal year 1896.....		$139,923,632
Total value imports.....		1,861,553

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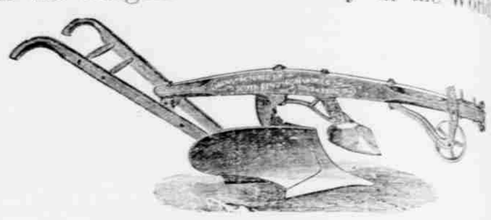

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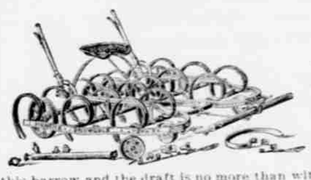

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—Mr. Michael Luther is having the second story of the store room occupied by Harry Fredericks as a harness shop, on High street, plastered and fitted up as a dwelling. It will be occupied by W. S. Armstrong, who has charge of the Postal Telegraph office, in this place, since the departure of J. M. Heminger.

—Augustus J Brubaker, the 16-year-old son of Dr. J. L. Brubaker, of Juniata, has been chosen by Congressman Hicks to represent this Congressional district as a cadet at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, Md. He will present himself at the academy for final examination and admission on September 1st, next.

—Sheriff Coulter on Tuesday levied on the goods in Hotel Kelly, one of the best appointed establishments in Johnstown. The writs against the proprietor, Frank E. Kelly, were issued by a number of wholesale liquor people, principal among whom were William J. Friday, of Pittsburg, and the Gronmer and Bauerlein Brewing companies.

—William J. Burke, a Pennsylvania railroad trainman, who had one wife in Altoona and a second one in Pittsburg, was sentenced in court at Hollidaysburg on Monday, to pay a sum for the maintenance of his first wife. Burke intimated after his hearing that several trainmen running between Altoona and Pittsburg had wives in both cities.

—A snake 22 feet in length was killed by four men near Thompson, Juniata county, the other day. It belonged to the constrictor species, and is supposed to be one that belonged to Walter Main's circus, which, it will be remembered, was wrecked above Tyrone seve l years ago. The reptile was discovered lying along the river bank in a semi-torpid condition.

—The farmers of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, are alarmed over the appearance of a strange malady that has broken out among their cattle. Within the past few days John Rosensteel lost four head of choice cows and a fine steer, and two or three others will likely find a similar fate. The afflicted animal's eyes close up, the mouth waters profusely and death usually ensues two days after the attack.

—A sensation was created in the Blair county court Thursday when the appraisers of the defunct bank of Gardner, Morrow & Co., filed their statement, showing that A. S Morrow the deceased cashier, had overdrawn his account $41,622 and the bookkeeper, Howard Russ, was a debtor to the bank for $22,500. Friends of the men say they are entitled to credits for twenty years' back salary.

—Charles Magillis, a Polander, against whom a Polish woman had a grudge, was scalded in a terrible manner at DuBois, on Thursday of last week. As Magillis lay sleeping at his boarding house on a lounge, the woman, whose sister keeps the place, decided her time had come. The *Courier* says she produced three gallons of boiling water from the kitchen and doused it on the sleeping man. He was terribly burned and his sufferings were intense.

—County Commissioner Hoover, one day last week had a harrowing experience that he will not care to have repeated. He was just nding a harrow from a wagon, when he failed to calculate exactly the amount of territory occupied by his feet and the result was that when the harrow dropped, one tooth penetrated his foot making an ugly wound that will place him on the invalid corps for several days to come. We are sorry for his bad luck but such things will happen.

—In the Centre county courtsCatharine Wilson a rush township school teacher, was tried for aggravated assault and battery for severely whipping a pupil. In the evidence it was shown that the teacher brought into the school room her brother-in-law, locked the door so the girl could not escape, and then while the man held the girl, the teacher severely beat her with a rod. The jury acquitted the teacher of the charge of assault, but divided the costs between her, the prosecutor and the county.

—A new game bill which has passed the lower house of the Pennsylvania legislature, limits the amount of game to be killed by one person in one day to 10 woodcocks, 10 pheasants, 15 quail and 2 wild turkeys. But two deer may be killed in a season by one person. The opening season for woodcocks is in July, and also October 15th to December 15th; rabbits same. No game can be killed for shipment outside the state. No insectivorous birds can be killed for millinery purposes, but for scientific purposes.

—The home of Mr. Daniel Orner, of Pine township, Indiana county, was destroyed by fire shortly after noon on Monday of last week. The greater part of the household goods were recovered. Mr. Orner's heaviest loss was the burning of about $200 worth of notes and $80 in money, which he had secured in a tin box upstairs. His daughter—Mrs. John Duncan—lost $80 which she was unable to secure before it went up in smoke. The fire is supposed to have caught from a defective flue. There was no insurance on either the house or contents.

—John Karlheim, a respected citizen, died at his home in Carroll township on Sunday, April 24th, of old age. He was in his 76th year. The deceased was born in Germany, but had resided in Cambria county for fifty-three years. His wife and the following children survive: John and Peter Karlheim, of Altoona; Michael and Joseph, of Patton; William, of Carroll township; Jacob and Henry, of Louisville, Ky.; Walburg and Mary at home; Margaret, wife of John Strobach, of Altoona; Helen, wife of Harry Thompson, of Altoona, and Frances of Patton.

—A Pittsburg item, on Monday says: Lewis Strayer, an insurance agent is in jail charged by W. H. Brown, of the Newark (N. J.) Mutual Benefit Fire Insurance Company, with embezzling $100 and that he will have a hearing before Alderman McMasters, on Friday. Louis Strayer, a former resident of Ebensburg, and at one time county superintendent of public schools was in Pittsburg some time ago engaged in the insurance business, but at present, we have no means of knowing whether it is the same man or not.

—The little village of New Millport, located along the Beech Creek road, 14 miles from Clearfield, was almost destroyed by fire, which broke out early last Thursday morning in the store of Peter Erhard. This building, which contained the postoffice, was soon enveloped in flames, which to spread D. W. Cathcart's hotel, A. J. Smith's dwelling house, store room and barn, the Methodist Episcopal church and a house belonging to Mrs. Maukle, all of which were reduced to ashes. The loss is estimated at $15,000.

—Mr. R. G. Williams, an old resident of the West ward, whose serious illness we mentioned in last week's FREEMAN, died on Saturday evening, at half-past six o'clock, aged about 72 years. Tee deceased was born in Wales and had been a resident of Ebensburg for nearly 40 years. He had been twice married, his first wife dying in Johnstown about forty years ago, and his second wife in Ebensburg, about three years ago. He had two children both of whom died young. By his last will and testament, which was read at his late home immediately after his funeral, he left all his property, consisting of a house and lot his property, consisting of a house and lot his accounts in Ebensburg, some money, book accounts and notes, amounting in all to about $3,000, to his niece, Mrs. Mary E. Davis, of Johnstown. His remains were interred in Lloyd's cemetery on Monday afternoon.

Johnstown Flood Romance.

A dispatch from Roanoke, Va., on Monday says: On the afternoon of May 31, 1889, John T. Sharkey and his young wife, both from Buchanan county, Va., stood at the door of their cottage home in Johnstown, Pa., preparing to fly from the great wall of water that was coming down the Valley from the broken dam. They plunged into the rising waters and were carried down the stream.

In the horror and confusion of that awful time they soon became separated, and though the man finally reached the shore and the woman was rescued each supposed the other had perished. Both remained in Johnstown and vicinity several days searching for some trace of each other, but neither being successful they wandered away. The husband went east in quest of work. He finally located in Norfolk. In the meantime the woman gradually worked her way to Salem, in this state.

On Monday last the husband reached Roanoke from Norfolk, and on Wednesday, while going up Salem avenue, he and the wife whom he supposed dead, met face to face. Neither had remarried, and as each had saved some money, they resolved to return to their native county, Buchanan, which they had left only a month when the great flood occurred. Yesterday they left Roanoke to begin life together again.

New Coal and Coke Company.

At a meeting of the directors of the Cresson and Clearfield Coal and Coke company, of which Justice John Dean was president and practically sole owner, held at the company's office at Frugality, this county, Friday, a deal was consumated whereby the company leased all its property, representing some 7,000 acres of coal and timber land, with 150 dwelling houses, coke ovens, saw mills, a hotel, stores and store buildings, etc., located at Frugality, to a new company, which has already applied for a charter, to be known as the Frugality Coal and Coke company. Justice Dean has retired from the business entirely and in the future his only interest will be that of a landlord.

The officers of the new company are: President, P. H. Walls; general manager, Alfred Hicks, and superintendent, William Gilson. It is not at all likely that there will be any changes in the other officials. The general offices of the company will be located in the Rothchild building, South Broad street, Philadelphia, with branch offices at New York and Altoona.

It is the intention of the new company to enlarge the plant and increase the business. The capacity in the coal mines will be increased from 1,000 tons per day to 1,500. This will necessitate the employment of about 300 additional men and boys which, together with the 500 now at work, will make the total number of employes about 800. To accommodate the enlarged force fifty new houses will be erected at Frugality this summer.

After Two Months.

The body of Tony Banes, the Hungarian who was killed by being knocked off No. 7 bridge, near Union Furnace, by mail express on February 22, last, was found Sunday floating down the river near Petersburg, Huntingdon county. The body was badly decomposed and one leg was almost off. An undershirt and an overshirt and the shoes were on it. It had been in water since February. Repeated searches had been made for it, but all were unsuccessful.

The flood following Saturday night's rains dislodged the corpse. It was seen floating past Spruce Creek by Thomas Cullen, son of Supervisor James Cullen. He sent word to Petersburg, where it was apprehended. It was buried at Huntingdon.

The absence of clothing leads to the belief that the body had been found by foreigners, possibly fellow-countrymen of Banes, robbed and thrown back into the water again. It was generally supposed that Banes had considerable money on his person at the time of his tragic death.

Suicide in Bedford County.

David Long a resident of Bedford county, living on the Long homestead, about one mile south of Baker's Summit, committed suicide on Monday morning by hanging himself to a log in his sheep stable. He was found about 11 o'clock, already dead. The cause of the rash act was financial loss. It seems that Long had gone on paper for a friend living near him. This friend failed about three months ago and Long was compelled to make good the amount he had gone on the notes for. This will take his farm and the thought of leaving the home that had been his for so many years, preyed so on his mind as to cause his end. The deceased was elder in the Brethern (Dunkard) church. He leaves a wife and six children. Conductor King, who was killed last year at the semi-centennial, was a nephew of the deceased.

We All Pay for It.

Our Pennsylvania law-makers had a high old time in New York at the dedication of the Grant monument, last week, at the expense of the taxpayers. Representative Charles B. Spatz, of Berks county, in a letter to the Reading *Eagle*, on Saturday, makes this interesting statement concernion the legislature's trip to the Grant monument exercises in New York: "Of course we didn't see much of the parade, or hear any of the speeches, but that mattered little to the solons, so long as they were well provided with all that's good to eat, drink and smoke. There was certainly an abundance of all that, and the senators and assemelymen knew just how to put it away. I am told the junket will foot up $6,000. Quite an item. But then it was a great day, a great Republican day, and it had to be observed. 'Tis a pity the bill of expenses will not be itemized, so it could be sent out to our constituents for their edification."

Lost in the Mountains.

George Hartman, of New York, was found roaming about the mountains three miles from Altoona on Thursday of last week by a posse of constables, who have been searching the woods for him for the past two days, thinking him to be a wild man. When captured he was found to be insane from hunger and exposure. His hands and feet were swollen to twice their natural size from cold.

He was taken to the almshouse and given medical attention. Regaining his reason he told how he had been sand-bagged and robbed of his watch and a sum of money in Pittsburg several days ago, while on a visit to his sister at that place. The blow left him insane, and since then he has been roaming about the mountains between Pittsburg and Altoona. The authorities sent him home.

—Mrs. Mary Nobak, of Braddock, Saturday evening saw a mouse run across her kitchen floor into another room, and, picking up a large lamp, she started in pursuit. She tripped on a piece of carpet and the lamp fell at her feet, exploded, and set fire to her clothing. Her limbs were literally roasted and she inhaled some of the flames, causing her death a few hours after the accident. The deceased, who was widely known in Braddock as a midwife, leaves a fourteen-year-old daughter and a grown son, who lived with her on Washington avenue.

—The incessant rainfall of the past few days has overflowed the Juniata river and its numerous tributaries causing thousands of dollars of destruction to growing crops. The farmers along the Raystown branch have suffered severe losses to buildings, fences and growing grains. The Juniata river is 16 feet above low water mark, and is still rising.

The Republican Convention.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the delegates elected to the Republican convention assembled together at the court house at one o'clock on Monday day afternoon and went through the programme laid out for them from the opening chorus to the finale, with some little friction, but without slipping a cog. Wertz for sheriff and Moore for poor director, as announced in last week's FREEMAN, were put through on the first ballot.

The convention organized by electing Dr. J. W. Hamer, of Johnstown, chairman, and W. C. Shiffler, of Hastings, and Harry Shields, of Johnstown, as secretaries.

The next business in order was the placing in nomination candidates for sheriff. The following names were presented: George M. Wertz, of Stonycreek township; John Brown, of Cresson, and David D. Pryce, of Ebensburg. The ballot resulted as follows: Wertz, 134; Brown, 10; Pryce, 30. Wertz was declared the nominee and the nomination was made unanimous.

For poor director, A. T. Owens and James Moore, both of Johnstown, were named. The first ballot settled it and Moore was nominated, the vote standing, Moore, 102; Owens, 50.

For jury commisioner, D. B. Wilson, of Mineral Point, and William Shaffer, of East Taylor township were named. The ballot resulted as follows: Wilson, 97; Shaffer, 55.

James C. Patterson, of Hastings, was nominated by acclamation for county auditor. As there is no vacancy in the majority party in the present board of auditors, the nomination of Mr. Patterson is a little superfluous.

George R. Glass, W. A. Donehey, W. I. Stineman and Chas. Stewart, were elected delegates to the state convention with instructions to vote for Hon. James S. Beacom, of Westmoreland county, for state treasurer, and John P. Elkin, of Indiana, for state chairman.

John H. Brown was next nominated by acclamation for county chairman.

A resolution was offered endorsing the candidacy of Lawrence L. Brown, Hastings, for surveyor of the port at Philadelphia, but a row resulted and the resolution was tabled.

The balance of the afternoon was spent in wrangling over the adoption of new rules for the government of the party in this county, much ill feeling being shown between the delegates from the north and south of the county.

Real Estate Transfers.

Emma Karlinsey et vir to Cambria county railroad company, Barr; consideration, $255.

C. Sheridan et ux. to Harry K. Sheridan, Lower Yoder, $1.

Cambria Iron Company to Evan Roberts, East Conemaugh, $700.

Evan Roberts et ux. to Martin Custer et al., East Conemaugh, $1,500.

John A. Doerner et al., to Eliza A. Walker, Ebensburg, $3,100.

Ananias W. Myers et ux. to Jemima E. Deitz, Upper Yoder, $2,400.

Mary Nightengale et vir to Penn Traffic company, limited, Morrellville, $150.

John J. Weakland to Edward C. Strittmatter, Carroll, $1.

Catharine Sanders to W. W. Amsbry, Munster, $38.

Adam Schettig, assignee, to Andrew Eckenrode, Carrolltown and Carroll township, $1.

Jerry Sheehan et ux. to Marry Harrigan, Reade, $90.

James H. Griffin et ux. to John Daniel Bradley, Allegheny, $700.

The Johnson company to Fowler Radiator and Manufacturing company, Johnstown, $1.

James Newton Rea to Samuel B. Waters, Johnstown, $4,375.

John J. Deitrich et ux. to Carl C. Anderson, Elder, $100.

F. B Pitts to Jennie M. Notley, Susquehanna, $3,000.

John H. Morley, assignee to Felix Rively, Richland, $1.

Joseph A. Gray et ux. et al. to D. H. Hastings et al., Carroll, $6,925.

Joseph Reighard et ux. to Frank Reighard, Conemaugh, $6,000.

August Johnston et ux. to John Johnson, Morrellville, $500.

John Kelly et ux. to Charles Speigelhalhalter, East Conemaugh, $800.

Joseph R. Hummel et ux. to A. C. Weaver, Dale, $1.

Joseph R. Hummel et ux. to Johnstown & Scalp Level Turnpike Company, Dale, $300.

Johnstown & Scalp Level Turnpike company to A. C. Weaver, Dale, $2,400.

Robert Nitz to Blair Alexander et al., Franklin and East Conemaugh, $2.

James Watkinset ux. to Samuel Ingham, Gallitzin township, $350.

Joseph Lieb et ux. to Barr Grange, No. 1,121, Barr, $1.

S. C. Stineman et ux. to Thomas Salkeld, Croyle, $60.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the week ending Thursday, April 29, 1897:

Richard W. Trevorrow, Milford Station, Somerset county, Pa., and Mary E. Bingner, Somerset Pa.

Andrew Kopina and Olga Minesik, Johnstown.

Edward Springer and Matilda Hite, Carroll township.

S. J. Callihan, Wilmore, and Margaret Della Ulfery, Lilly.

Thomas Donelly, Youngstown, Ohio, and Annie McCann, Johnstown.

John Gerwinhock and Mary Mondolla, Benscreek.

U. G. Custer, Conemaugh township, and Idae C. Fye, Adams township.

William O. Orris, and Annie A. Pittman, Franklin.

Frank Nitch and Mary McAnally, Johnstown.

James G. Ellis and Carrie Walters, Johnstown.

Wilfred M. Byrne, Barr township, and Mollie Nelen, Pine township, Indiana county, Pa.

Martin Howell and Stella McCabe, Ehrenfeld.

Stephen Insika and Fannie Gyurgyak, Johnstown.

Mark V. McFeeters, Morrellville, and R. Oliva Cambel?, Walnut Grove.

Frank L. Miller, Cleveland, Ohio, and Emma May Gindlesberger, Boxburv.

Robert J. McNalley, Cresson, and Maggie Rose m, Irvona, Clearfield county, Pa.

Henry S. Buck, Patton, and Veronica Deitrick, Carroll township.

Henry Lenz, Morrellville, and Catharine Scheving, Johnstown.

—Miss Infelice Foster, daughter of Mrs. Christina Foster, formerly of the Cambria house, Ebensburg, and Isaac J. Wightman were married Wednesday evening of last week, at the residence of the bride's mother, No. 7365 South Chicago avenue. Rev. Oliver Curren, pastor of the Grand Crossing Episcopal church, officiated, and the ceremony was performed in the presence of 100 relatives and friends. The bride was attended by misses Mae Henderson and Grace Broadbent as bridesmalds, and Miss Daisy Henderson acted as maid of honor. Dorinda Stevens, niece of the bride, acted as flower girl.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of James A. Parrish, deceased.
Letters of administration on the estate of James A. Parrish, deceased, late of the Township of Munster, in Cambria county, Pa., having been granted to me, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.
J. A. SCHWAB,
Administrator.
Loretto, Pa., May 7th, 1897. 6t. X.

Miscellaneous Notices.

THE Ebensburg Building & Loan Assoc on will offer for sale at the Rey Building Ebensburg, on the fourth Monday in ay, $2,000.00.
THOS. DAVI
LESTER LARIMER, Secretary. Pres ent.

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By virtue of the powers contained in the Last Will and testament of Joseph S. Borkey, deceased, late of the township of Carroll, in Cambria county, Pa., I will expose to public sale at the Central Hotel, in Carrolltown, Pa., on

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND, 1897,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following real estate, viz: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Carroll township, Cambria county, Pa., bounded by lands of John Flick, and Henry Hogate, and also by the public road leading from Ebensburg to Carrolltown, containing ONE ACRE more or less, having thereon erected A LARGE

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and stable and outbuildings, all in good repair. There is an orchard of good fruit trees, and a fine well of water on the premises.

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ANDREW STRITTMATTER.
Executor.

Carrolltown Pa., March 17th, 1897.
April 23, '97 3t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Cambria county.
In the matter of the first and partial account of Matilda Brown, administratrix of the estate of P. F. Brown, late of Ebensburg, deceased.
And now, March 8th, on motion of F. A. Shoemaker, Esq., Thomas J. Itell, is appointed auditor to hear, decide and report upon the exceptions filed. BY THE COURT.
Extract from record.
Certified March 8th, 1897.
F. B. JONES,
Clerk O. C.

Noti is hereby given that I will sit for the purpose of the above appointment at the Attorneys' Room, in the Court House, Ebensburg, Pa., on TAURSDAY, MAY 20TH, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where all persons interested may attend if they see proper.

THOMAS J. ITELL,
April 12, 1897. 3t.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

We the undersigned citizens of Allegheny and Clearfield townships, hereby give notice to the public not to trespass on our lands. Any one found trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

(Signed) John Sutton, H. S. Sprout, T. C. Miller, James T. Sutton, Jos. J. Weber, H. G. Conrad, Edward Ivory, Joseph A. Krise, Mrs. S. Wills, John McDermitt, Joseph Sutton, August Shellner, Theodore Storm, Alex. Ivory, John Gesk, Jacob Eckenrode, Philip A Gray, Geo. M. Sanker, D. M. Kratzer, Henry J. Conrad, William Moran, Geo. P Krug, Robert Johnston, John E. Mansfield, Francis H. Rasal, James H. Maloney, John Kaous, Geo. Seymore, Bridget Tomlinson, Mrs. Albert Rhea, H. S. Moyers, Josephine Huffman, Frank Feicht, Dr. W. H. Summerville, Simon P. McMullen and John McCoy. May 1, 1897 1 yr

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Irvin; deceased.
Letters Testmentary upon the estate of John Irvin, deceased late of Carwensville, Clearfield county, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them properly authenticated for settlement.
THE PROVIDENT LIFE & TRUST COMPANY, Executor, 4th & Chestnut Sts., Phila., Pa.
S. V. WILSON, Attorney, Clearfield, Pa.
April 30 1897, 6t.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE.

Letters of administration upon the estate of Frank P. Mover, late of Cresson township, Cambria county, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make payment without delay, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated to JANE F. MOYER, administratrix.
THOMAS J. ITELL, Attorney. Cresson, Pa.
Johnstown, Pa., April 30 1897. 6t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Michael Farabaugh, deceased.
Letters testamentary in the estate of Michael Farabaugh, deceased late of Blacklick township, in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, having been granted to me, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment to me without delay and those having claims against the said estate will present them properly authenticated for settlement.
CAARLES FARABAUGH.
Executor.
Blacklick township, April 23, '97. 6t X.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of David Ryan, deceased.
Letters testamentary in the estate of David Ryan, deceased, late of the township of Clearfield, in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, having been granted to me, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment to me without delay and those having claims against the said estate will present them properly authenticated for settlement
S. A. RYAN,
Executor.
St Augustine, Pa., April 30, 1897. 6t. X.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Karlheim, deceased.
Letters testamentary in the estate of John Karlheim, deceased, late of Carroll township, in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, having been granted to us, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment without delay and those having claims against the said estate, will present them properly authenticated for settlement.
JOHN OTT,
WILLIAM KARLHEIM,
Executors.
Carroll township, May 7th, 1897. 6t X.

FOR PROPOSALS.

Sealed proposals will be received up to 24th, for plastering the St. Nicholas church. Plans and specifications can be seen at Rev. Rupert Tragasser, Nicktown, Pa. The committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Dr. Richards,
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Julian St., Ebensburg.
May 7, 1897.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that, having been appointed auditor by the Orphans' Court of Cambria county, to distribute the fund in the hands of Michael Noon, executor of the Last Will and Testament of James Noon, deceased, as shown by his account, I will sit at my office in the borough of Ebensburg on MONDAY, MAY 24TH, 1897, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of discharging the duties of said appointment, when and where all persons interested shall attend or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.
H. H. MYERS,
Auditor.
May 7th, 1897.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

Hunting and fishing and all manner of trespassing without permission, strictly forbidden on the premisses of the undersigned citizens after date of this notice. Any person violating this notice will be dealt with according to law.
(Signed.) Joseph A. Noel, Joseph Baker, Wertner, William Dishart, Charles Luther, Augustin Hott and John Gatrrel.
White township, May 7th, 1897. 3t.

REMOVAL SALE.

We have about one week more to close out our stock before moving, and now a REMOVAL SALE is going on, you can get some bargains and a good many of them this week by coming in and looking over the stock, as we are determined to get rid of all the goods we can and have made prices low enough for you to buy whether you need the goods now or not. Can give you bargains in goods at 5 and 10c, worth a great deal more money. Our shoes are still going at $1.00 and $1.50, worth twice the money. Straw hats, choice at 10c. Shirts, 25c, other goods in proportion.
Next week we hope to welcome you to our new store room, with a nice new stock of goods, and invite you all to call and see us as soon as possible and in the meantime don't fail to come to the old place once more and get some bargains before they are all gone.

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We can now show you the best assortment of Fine Spring Clothing in Cambria county and at prices that will surprise you. Men's all-wool Suits from $5 up. Children's all-wool Suits from $1 to $5. No matter whether you are lean or fat, short or tall, we can fit you Our increasing business compelled us to enlarge our room and we have also increased our stock. We can now show you a much larger assortment of fine goeds than ever before. Our this season's Clothing has been made especially for us and is equal to any merchant tailor's make. Our Gents' Furnishing Stock was never so complete. We also carry the best line of Shoes in Cambria county. A visit to our store will convince you that the best place in the county to buy well-made, nice fitting Clothing, Gents' Furnishings and Shoes is with us.

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THE GREEK MINISTERS

Favorably Impressed with the Situation at Pharsalos.

THE TOWN OF ARTA DESERTED.

The Inhabitants Living in the Fields Behind the Town, and Suffering From Cold and Hunger—Greeks Prepared to Defend Pharsalos and Volo.

London, May 4.—According to dispatches from Athens Colonel Tosamedos, minister of war, and M. Theotokis, minister of the interior, are said to be favorably impressed with the situation at Pharsalos, both as respects the positions of the troops and the plan of defense.

Rumors conflict materially as to the diplomatic attitude of Turkey. According to one report Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander in Thessaly, has asked an armistice of five days; according to another, an armistice already exists by the tacit acquiesence of both commanders, while a third story describes Edhem Pasha as only awaiting reinforcements for an attack upon Pharsalos, to be followed by an attack upon Volo. It is also said to be probable that Admiral Tamatello is preparing to prevent a possible attempt of the Turks to seize Volo by the coast roads.

Arta is now deserted, and its wretched inhabitants are living in the fields behind the town, many of them on the verge of starvation. Nothing is procurable in the way of food except a scanty and uncertain supply of bread. Women and children are suffering pitiably with cold and hunger, and to those tortures is added the dread of a Turkish attack at any moment.

A special dispatch from Janina, Epirus, says: "After traveling 200 miles across the country I found the greatest loyalty to the sultan and hatred of the Greeks everywhere. The Greek prisoners are bitter at the conduct of their officers. They are all well treated by the Turks. Sixty wounded Turks and 22 Greeks are in the hospitals here. The sanitation of the army is excellent. There are only 41 sick men."

The Times prints the following dispatch from its Volo correspondent, dated 3 p. m. yesterday:

"When I arrived at Velastino Sunday afternoon I had just seen the Turkish infantry advancing in two columns, intending to cut the railway. The Greeks, 12,000 strong, under General Smolenski, by whose side I watched the encounter in the rear of the Eighth regiment, gradually advanced one battalion to hold the railway, the other to support the artillery, which had mountain guns on the right center.

General Smolenski had ordered the shelling to begin when the enemy were well within range, and consequently the guns did not open fire before 5:30 p. m. The Turks were evidently about 14,000 strong. Their cavalry reconnoitered the wood, where the Greeks were concealed, but the batteries remained silent until 6, and at that time the fire fell short of being effective, though the Greek practice was the best I have yet noticed. The Turks ran away from the shells, but continued to advance in good order. Our right was really never engaged, and the railway station was defended by only a small force, with two Krupp guns. Toward the end the large Turkish center was seen to advance in the distance, but sunset, at 6:45, caused a temporary cessation.

"Trains are running to Pharsalos now, and I managed to get through. Returning on horseback in the darkness to Volo, I was captured by the Greek outposts, thanks to the fault of headquarters to issue regular passes. I was treated with much civility, but was detained until a late hour.

"Having met reinforcements on the way to Velestino, I went out again Monday, when the Greeks brought up nearly the whole Pharsalos force. Save in the sharp struggles during the night the Greeks have been successful, holding their ground. The Turks mounted a battery on a hill facing the Greek left, approached the end of the wood and burned a small village. Nearly all the fighting has been on the extreme right, in the direction of Lake Karla and the eastern Volo road. Whoever gains this road commands Volo, and could cut off retreat here."

The Athens correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says:

"I had an interview yesterday with M. Ralli, who told me that the report sent by the ministers of war and the interior from Pharsalos was in most respects highly satisfactory. He said they had wired him from Pharsalos that the front line of the army was in battle array, and the Turkish attack imminent. All the preparations possible had been made for heroic defense, and the spirit of the army was much better than before, owing to the change in the supreme command.

M. Ralli declared that the victory at Velestino was the most splendid achievement of the war, the Greeks capturing an enormous quantity of arms, ammunition and horses. The Turks, after this crushing defeat, M. Ralli believes, are not likely to re-engage in hostilities in that quarter."

The chief points of interest in the war situation today are:

First, that the decision of the ministers who have returned from the Greek frontier seems to be in favor of a continuance of the war; and, second, that fighting continued almost incessantly at Velestino from last Tuesday until Sunday, with the result that General Smolenski has been prevented from actually assuming his new duties as chief of staff. As a further result, the Greeks at Velestino have managed to retain their positions, but they are too much fatigued to follow up their success.

Altogether 14 officers have been recalled from Crete to be sent on to Thessaly, and this also is a proof of the intention of the new cabinet to continue the war. The movement is actuated by necessity. All the best officers are being sent to the front, nor is there any intention yet displayed to evacuate Crete.

The Turkish army is advancing in three columns on Pharsalos, while an additional column is operating in the direction of Volo. As the Volo column could easily take Velestino in the rear, the Greek position is very precarious. This probably explains the retention of General Smolenski there, as it was natural to expect him to go to Pharsalos to assume the supreme command.

Kruger Wants to Honor Victoria.

Pretoria, May 4.—On the reassembling of the raad yesterday President Kruger, in a speech, prepared evidently with great care, asked the raad, as a token of sympathy with Queen Victoria and appreciation of her long and glorious reign, to declare June 22 an official holiday in the Transvaal. He said that in spite of unfavorable influences the South African republic continued to enjoy friendly relations with all foreign powers. He also asked that provision be made for the election of his successor next year.

Not Suicide, but Murder.

Shamokin, Pa., May 4.—Coroner Laughlin, of Columbia county, believes that Frank Balauofski, whose body was found hanging in a traveling way of Bellmore mine Sunday, must have been poisoned and then hung there by his murderers to avert suspicion, as it was evident that his death was not caused by strangulation or hanging. Chief of Police King is working up the case.

The Pittsburg Fire Was Fatal.

Pittsburg, May 4.—The fire which broke out in this city early yesterday morning did greater damage than first reports indicated. The property loss is now estimated at $3,000,000. In addition, Fireman George Atkinson was crushed to death beneath falling walls and four other firemen were seriously injured.

EX-MINISTER PORTER DEAD.

The Venerable Indiana Leader a Victim of Paresis.

Indianapolis, May 4.—Albert G. Porter, ex-governor of Indiana, ex-minister to Italy under President Harrison's administration, died at his home in this city yesterday, aged 74 years. Governor Porter had been confined to his room almost constantly for two years. The immediate cause of his death was paresis.

Hon. Albert Gallatin Porter was born at Lawrenceburg, Ind., on April 20, 1824. He began life as a ferryman on the

THE LATE A. G. PORTER.

Ohio river opposite Lawrenceburg. When he had reached the age of 15 he had saved enough money at this work to carry him through a college course. He graduated at Asbury university in 1842, and began the practice of law at Indianapolis.

After serving as a councilman in Indianapolis and recorder in Indiana's supreme court Mr. Porter was, in 1858, elected to congress. He was comptroller of the treasury in the Hayes administration, and was elected governor of Indiana in 1880. In 1889 he was appointed minister to Italy.

To Test a South Carolina Law.

Charleston, May 4.—A suit was begun here in the United States court yesterday which may seriously affect the dispensary law of South Carolina. The suit is brought by W. A. Vandercook & Co., of California, against Dispensary Commissioner Vance and all constables or state officials acting under the dispensary law, and a perpetual injunction is asked by the company prohibiting them from interfering with the business of the company which may be transacted with its South Carolina patrons. The suit is the result of the recent seizure of a carload of wine shipped by Vandercook & Co. for a number of private citizens.

Earthquake in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., May 4.—Salem, Radford, Pulaski, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Roanoke, Wytheville, Fincastle and other points in southeastern Virginia report having experienced earthquake shocks yesterday. At most places there were two shocks, one shortly after noon and the other at about 4 p. m. Radford appears to have been the point of the most pronounced disturbance. Bricks were thrown from the chimneys and plastering was knocked down. At several points in the southwest there was snow Sunday night. No seismic disturbance seems to have been felt in the Shenandoah valley.

Alleged Dynamiters Released.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 4.—James Miller, John Bird and George Jordan, three of a party of seven colored people who were charged with blowing up a Hungarian shanty on the Lehigh Valley railroad, by which six lives were lost, were brought into court yesterday on a nolle prosse and discharged. Nelse Miller, the leader of the party, was convicted of murder in the first degree, but he died in prison before the sentence could be carried out. Frank Shaffer, another of the party, was also convicted of murder in the first degree, but the board of pardons changed the death sentence to life imprisonment.

Double Murderer Fatally Shot.

Kansas City, Mo., May 4.—"Bill" Adler, one of the most notorious characters of the city, on Sunday night committed his second murder within three years, and was himself shot and perhaps fatally wounded. Adler "mixed" with the negro keepers in a crap game at Sixth street and Broadway, and when the smoke cleared away it was found that Adler had shot and killed William Johnson, a negro, and that Adler had been shot in the side by James Gordon, colored. In 1894, during the street masquerade which concluded the fall carnival, Adler killed Postoffice Inspector Jesse McClure. He was convicted of manslaughter and served ten months in jail.

Killed by His Drunken Son.

Independence, Kan., May 4.—The murder of an old man by one of his sons is reported from Howata, I. T., the victim being John Riley, 60 years of age, whose place, two miles east of Nowata, is widely known as "the old Riley farm." Jim and Lewis Riley, his sons, aged 20 and 26, came home drunk, and were soon engaged in a desperate fight. When the father attempted to separate them Lewis drew a gun and fired two bullets into the old man's body, killing him instantly. Young Riley fled.

Will Protect Mormons From Assault.

Montgomery, Ala., May 4.—One night last week some religious partisans of Jackson county carried into the woods, stripped and severely whipped two Mormon elders. The elders subsequently appealed to Governor Johnson for protection, representing that they had been threatened with death if they remained in the state. The governor has promised to protect them, and has instructed the sheriff of the county to make them his special charge. The governor says the constitution of the state guarantees religious liberty, and that the Mormons are entitled to it.

Ousted by Mayor Harrison.

Chicago, May 4.—Mayor Harrison yesterday removed John M. Clark and Christopher Hotz, Republican members of the civil service commission, on a charge of incompetency and neglect of duty. Adolph Kraus, Democrat, was appointed to succeed Mr. Clark and ex-Mayor Hempstead Washburne, Republican, to succeed Mr. Hotz. Mayor Harrison endeavored to secure the resignations of the two commissioners, but they refused to resign, and the mayor then directed their removal.

Killed by a Slight Fall.

Stroudsburg, Pa., May 4.—Ex-Representative William Kister, while attempting to get into a wagon, fell to the ground, sustaining severe injuries, from which he died at the home of his son-in-law. He was a prominent Democrat, and represented this county in the house of representatives from 1874 to 1876. He was largely interested in the turning business.

Bricks From Grant's Tomb.

New York, May 4.—The bricks of which General Grant's temporary tomb was constructed are the property of the city, and after the demolition of that tomb were stored in the city hall. Many G. A. R. posts have asked for some of the bricks, and Mayor Strong has recommended to the board of estimates and apportionment that the bricks be distributed among the posts.

Twelve Years for Murder.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 4.—John Cononath, the young Lithuanian, aged 19, pleaded guilty in court yesterday to the charge of murder in stabbing Jacob Gilletta, a countryman, to death. Judge Bennett sentenced the prisoner to 12 years in the penitentiary.

SPANISH BRIGANDAGE.

Commanders in No Haste to Crush the Cuban Rebellion.

EXCUSE FOR LEVYING TRIBUTE.

A Traveler Who Has Visited the Island Declares That the Conflict Will Last Twenty Years Unless Spain Is Compelled to Withdraw Her Troops.

Washington, May 4.—A traveler who has just returned from a several months' stay in Cuba, where his opportunities for judging the conflict have been exceedingly good, gives the following account of the situation:

"The Cuban war will last until Spain's resources give out, or until the United States or some other country interferes. Neither side can win in a straightout contest such as has now been going on for three years. Weyler has not pacified Pinar del Rio in any true sense, although that province is loaded with his troops. Every railroad car is accompanied by a detachment of soldiers, every railroad station is a guardhouse, every curve in the track is covered by Spanish soldiery, and the poor natives from the country districts have been driven within the fortified towns.

"The result is that there is no general insurrection in the lowlands of the province, but the Cubans still hold the mountainous portions, from which they sally forth to plunder and destroy as opportunity affords. Weyler is doing nothing to abolish this kind of warfare, and the Cubans do not care to fight in any other way. They have no men to loose, their ammunition and equipment are slender, they hold a good part of the food producing section of the island, and are living very comfortably in the present state of the conflict.

"The Spanish generals and captains are in no great haste to put down the insurrection, even if they could. They have adopted a Tammany system of levying tribute upon all the plantations and transportation companies owned by foreigners, and, in a word, every single interest which can afford to pay tribute for protection is compelled to do so. This makes the continuance of the rebellion a source of great profit to the Spanish leaders, and they are really in no haste to make an end of it.

"Whether the Spanish soldiery could entirely subdue the island if they were led by incorruptible and capable generals is another question. They could undoubtedly give the rebels a good deal of trouble, but the natural fastnesses of the mountains, the lack of roads and the heavy undergrowth give the natives a decided advantage.

"The people who really deserve our pity, and in whose behalf the United States might, perhaps, do something, are the poor peasants who have been driven into the fortified towns by Weyler, and there compelled to starve. If they were over with the rebels they would at least get a living, but crowded together in the cities, with no chance to cultivate the soil, their lot is a hard one.

"The great thing that impresses an American who goes over the island is the difference between the Cubans and our own people. For the most part the men carrying on the present rebellion are incapable of self government, and it is very doubtful if, in case the Spaniards were driven from the island, things would be in much better shape than they were of old. I predict a 20 years' war on the island, unless Spain's resources are so badly sapped that she is obliged to withdraw her troops."

FOR MATRIMONIAL REFORM.

Interesting Measure Introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Harrisburg, May 4.—A bill was introduced in the house last evening by Mr. McGough, of Venango, to prevent the marriage of a person who from natural, as distinguished from accidental causes, shall have been insane in the past, or of a person who shall hereafter have been twice convicted of a felony, or of an insane or feebleminded person. The measure also provides that any person who shall knowingly assist in procuring or abetting such marriage, including the parties to the marriage, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to six months' imprisonment and $500 fine, both or either.

Mr. Lawrence, of Beaver, presented a bill to authorize the attachment of wages and salary in cases where food has been furnished by a retail grocer, and limiting the right of defendants and garnishee to claim the benefit of laws exempting property from levy and sale under execution.

Speaker Boyer appointed Messrs Wilson of Lancaster, Scott of Philadelphia, Kunkel of Dauphin, Simon of Allegheny and Singer of Philadelphia a committee to investigate th insurance scandal. Messrs. Seyfert of Lancaster, Coryell of Lycoming, Bolles of Philadelphia, Farr of Lackawanna and Rhode of Berks were appointed a committee to investigate the management of the Eastern and Western penitentiaries.

In the senate the act to protect policy holders from fraudulent estimates and in the rightful disposition of the surplus of tontine form of insurance companies was killed, as was the house bill to prevent fraud and deception in the manufacture and sale of cheese.

His Resignation Requested.

Washington, May 4.—The request yesterday for the resignation of the supervising architect of the treasury, Mr. Aiken, has been anticipated for a week or more. Although no official statement in regard to the matter has yet been made by the secretary of the treasury, it has been known that Mr. Aiken's work has not been altogether satisfactory to Mr. Gage. Mr. Aiken is comparatively a young man, and it is alleged has not had sufficient experience in his profession to justify his retention.

Jumped From a Window to Death.

New York, May 4.—Henry A. Lewis, junior member of the firm of Charles Lewis & Bro., jobbers in woolens, committed suicide yesterday by jumping from a third story window of his residence in this city. Mr. Lewis was 35 years of age. Lewis lived in the house with his sister, Mrs. M. Harris. No one saw him take the fatal leap, but he was found on the sidewalk dead. His relatives scout the idea of suicide.

The Delaware Investigation.

Dover, Del., May 4.—The senate yesterday decided to co-operate with the house in investigating the unpleasant reports in circulation. The speaker appointed Messrs. Meredith, Alrichs and Moore as the committee. The house adopted a resolution empowering the house committee to issue subpoenas for any person or persons within the state to appear before the committee.

NUGGETS OF NEWS.

New Jersey postmasters: John L. Derby at Cranford; William H. Larison at Madison.

A whistle in a 3-year-old boy's throat at Paterson, N. J., was cut out by surgeons after having been located by the X-ray.

Actor James B. Gentry was removed to the Eastern penitentiary, in Philadelphia, to serve his life sentence for the murder of Actress Madge Yorke.

Serious rioting has occurred in the San Luis province of Argentina, caused by the great destitution and suffering there and the delay of congress in sending aid.

Dr. Zertucha, the alleged betrayer of the Cuban General Maceo, has been arrested and taken to Havana. It is understood that the Spanish will deport him to Charfarinas Island, the Spanish penal station off the African coast.

THIEVING BANKER'S WOES.

Served One Term, Now Being Tried on Another Charge.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 4.—The case of ex-Banker F. V. Rockafellow was called in court yesterday afternoon. The prosecutrix is Mrs. Annie Mier. One morning in February, 1893, his bank failed to open. An examination of the books showed that there was very little money on hand. There were nearly 800 depositors, and their books called for nearly $500,000. When a distribution was made the depositors received about six cents on the dollar. Rockafellow was sentenced to two years and six months in the Eastern penitentiary. After serving his time he was arrested again. The ex-banker is now 72 years old, but stands the ordeal well. He claims he has no money. Mrs. Mier alleges that she gave Rockafellow $1,000 on the day before the bank closed. It was after banking hours, but Rockafellow reopened his bank and accepted the deposit.

Ambassador Hay and Victoria.

London, May 4.—Colonel John Hay, the newly appointed United States ambassador to the court of St. James, received unusual distinction yesterday while presenting his credentials to Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle. The royal carriage drove up to Colonel Hay's residence with a coachman and two footmen, in the royal scarlet livery, to convey Colonel and Mrs. Hay to Paddington station. At the station they were met by the Marquis of Salisbury and the master of ceremonies, Hon. Sir William James Colville, who accompanied them to Windsor. At the Windsor station Colonel and Mrs. Hay found a royal carriage in waiting to convey them to the palace, where luncheon was served. Colonel Hay first had an audience with the Marquis of Salisbury, and then presented his credentials to her majesty. Mrs. Hay was then received in audience by the queen.

Collided With an Iceberg.

St. John's, N. F., May 4.—The steamer Sheerness, 15 days out from Cadiz, arrived here yesterday with a cargo of salt. On Saturday, while about 150 miles off the coast, she struck an iceberg, which stove in her bows, smashed several of her plates and wrecked the forecastle. But for the fact that the sailors were on deck at the time several would have been seriously injured, because all their berths were demolished. The captain ordered the crew to get the lifeboats ready for launching, after which collision sheets were fixed over the bows and the inrush of the water checked. Pumps were then set going and the vessel managed to reach here without further damage.

Two Important Foreign Missions.

Washington, May 4.—The president now has under consideration the claims of aspirants for two of the most important European missions, Russia and Spain, and it is believed has arrived at a point where he will be able soon to send in the nominations for these places. While it is not known definitely who the nominees will be, there is reason to believe that the Russian mission may go to General J. H. Wilson, of Delaware. As a successor to Hannis Taylor at Madrid the name that so far stands at the head of the list is believed to be that of ex-Speaker Bryant, of the Illinois legislature.

Dr. Talmage's Tour for Charity.

Chicago, May 4.—The two weeks' tour of Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage, in behalf of the starving millions in India, was concluded here last evening with two great meetings, held in the Auditorium and in Central Music Hall, half a mile apart. Many thousands listened to the earnest plea put forth by the eloquent divine. Contributions were prompt and generous, and a goodly sum was added to the Indian relief fund. Over $100,000 in cash and enough corn to fill five ships have been contributed.

Paymaster Corwine Pleads Guilty.

Newport, R. I., May 4.—The court martial in the case of Paymaster John Corwine was convened in the war college building yesterday. The charges against the paymaster allege desertion, embezzlement of $15,000 and conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service. Corwine pleaded guilty, but asked for a continuance until Tuesday, when he stated he would have a statement of his case ready for presentation. An adjournment was made as requested.

STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Slight Increase In the Volume of Trading on Wall Street.

New York, May 3.—There was a greatly improved tone to the dealings in stocks today, and values held appreciably firmer. The volume of trading also increased somewhat, but it is extraordinarily small. This reflects the increased confidence of the stock market concerning the shipments of gold to Europe. Fears on this score have partly abated. The fact that new engagements for export were made today with actual business being done in demand sterling for $4.87½ to the pound, confirms the belief that the gold movement is not the result of a natural settlement of trade balances, but of a special demand for gold, involving the payment of a premium for it. The closest estimate that can be made shows the gold shipments to cease when demand sterling falls to $4.88. Closing bids:

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D., L. & W.....	147¾	Pennsylvania ..	51½
Erie.....	12	Reading	*17¾
Lake Erie & W.	14	St. Paul.....	72½

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General Markets.

Philadelphia, May 3.—Flour weak; winter superfine, $2.75@2.90; do. extras, $3@3.25; Pennsylvania roller, clear, $4@4.15; do. straight, $4.15@4.35; western winter, clear, $4@4.15; do. straight, $4.15@4.35; city mills, extra, $3.10@3.35. Wheat dull; contract wheat, May, 80¾@81¾c.; No. 2 Pennsylvania and No. 2 Delaware red, spot, 85¼@85¾c.; No. 1 northern spring, spot, 87¼@87½c.; No. 2 red, May, 78¼c.; do. June, 77c.; do. July, 76¼c.; do. September, 72¾c.; do. December, 74¼c. Corn quiet and steady; No. 2 mixed, spot, 28½@28c.; No. 2 mixed, May, 28¼@28c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, carlots, 25½@26c.; No. 2 white clipped, carlots, 25½@26c.; No. 2 white, May, June and July, 25@25½c. Hay firm; choice timothy, $14@14.50 for large bales. Beef steady; beef hams, $21@21.50. Pork firm; family, $10.50@11. Lard dull and easy; western steamed, $4.32½. Butter quiet; western creamery, 13@17c.; do. factory, 8¾@12c.; Elgins, 17c.; imitation creamery, 10@14½c.; New York dairy, 11@16c.; do. creamery, 13@17c.; fancy prints jobbing at 20@23c.; do. extra, wholesale, 19@20c. Cheese steady; large, 9½@10¾c.; small, 10¾@11c.; part skims, 4@8½c.; full skims, 2½@3c. Eggs easy; New York and Pennsylvania, 10@10¼c.; western, fresh, 9@10c.; southern, 9c. Tallow steady; city, 3¼c.; country, 3¼c. Petroleum steadier; United closed at 81¾c. bid. Rosin quiet; strained common to good, $1.05. Turpentine quiet at 29½c. Pig iron steady; southern, $10@11; northern, $10.50@12.50. Copper easy; brokers, $11.25; exchange, $11@11.12½. Tin dull; straits, $13@13.30; plates quiet. Spelter steady; domestic, $4.10@4.20. Lead shows no new feature today, being still more or less in buyers' favor, although nominally held at former prices; brokers quote at $3.12½, while the exchange quotes $3.20@3.25. Coffee steady; May, $7.45; July, $7.50; August, $7.50@7.55; September, $7.55@7.60; December, $7.60@7.70.

Live Stock Markets.

New York, May 3.—Beeves active and firm; native steers, $4.25@5.07½; stags and oxen, $3.50@4.15; bulls, $2.85@3.60; dry cows, $1.75@3.50. Calves active; veals, $3@5. Sheep firm, spring lambs dull; unshorn sheep, $4.25@5.25; clipped do., $3.50@4.60; unshorn lambs, $5.35@6.25; clipped do., $4.75@5.45; spring lambs, $3@5 each. Hogs firmer at $5.20@5.50.

East Liberty, Pa., May 3.—Cattle active; prime, $5.10@5.25; bulls, stags and cows, $2@3.75; common to good oxen, $2@4.10. Hogs slow; prime assorted, $4.15@4.20; best Yorkers, $4.15; common to fair Yorkers, $4.05@4.10; heavy hogs, $4.10@4.20; pigs, $2.90@4; roughs, $2.50@3.50. Sheep steady; clipped sheep, choice, $4.35@4.40; common, $3@3.60; common to good lambs, $4@4.85; spring lambs, $5@7; veal calves, $4@4.50.

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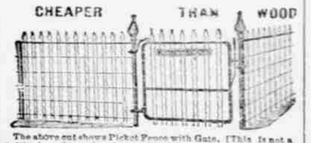

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